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MAN WAS DEAD

He Fell Down Flight of Stairs

HE HAD BEEN DRINKING WITH FRIEND

Police Have Detained the Latter

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—David Bostorum, 22 years old, who lives at 180 Northampton street, ran into the City Hall avenue station about 5.40 last evening from his tailor shop at 13 Province street, and said that a man was sick in that building. Patrolman Gallivan and Kilgreen were sent there and found a man, who has not yet been identified, lying with his feet on the second flight of stairs, and his head on the floor in a pool of blood.

Bostorum said he didn't know the man, but had met him casually at a hotel nearby; the two had come to his place to look at samples and the man had fallen downstairs. The police, however, are holding Bostorum until a further investigation can be made.

The unknown man was dead when he got to the hospital, and the body was taken to Briggs' on Howard street. The medical examiner will perform an autopsy today.

The police are inclined to believe everything that Bostorum says, as he seems to be telling a straightforward story. The two met in a second-class hotel near Bostorum's tailor shop, which is on the third floor at No. 13. They happened to sit at the same table and struck up a conversation, in which the unknown man told Bostorum of being married and having buried five children. He gave the tailor the impression that he was a machinist, and said that his name was Keefe.

Bostorum got to talking business and his friend assented to go and look over some samples of goods, and after purchasing half a pint of whisky they went to Bostorum's shop. They sat there for a while and nearly finished the liquor and then started out.

They went down one flight and then the stranger stopped and went back up that flight, according to Bostorum. When he had nearly reached the top, as the tailor tells it, he toppled over backward and fell down the stairs, striking his head, probably, on the edge of a step. When the tailor saw that he was unconscious, he went back to the hotel and asked the proprietor to telephone the police, but on the advice of the hotel people he went himself to the station.

The officers found the man lying on his side at the foot of the stairs with his head resting on the floor and his feet and legs on the stairs. He was hurried to the hospital, but the physicians said he was dead.

Bostorum said the man had told him his name was Keefe, and he wasn't sure, but thought he had said his first name was "Con." He hadn't told him anything about his place of business or residence. A slip of paper was found in his pockets that read: "Call at Cudhy, 6th street, Bassidy, corner of 6th and D street, South Boston." He had $2 and some change and an Ingersoll watch. He was about 45 or 50 years old, 6 feet tall and weighed 220 pounds. He was dark complexioned, with mixed gray hair and stubby mustache, and was bald on the top of his head. He wore a black frieze overcoat, dark striped undercoat, dark checked trousers and vest, fleece-lined underwear and black derby. He had a deep wound over his right eye, and it is thought that his skull was fractured.

INAUGURATION DAY

INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT THIS WEEK.

Invitations to the inauguration exercises to be held on Jan. 4 will be sent out this week and several hundred of Mayor Howe's friends will receive them. Judge Hadley will administer the oath of office and Rev. Dr. Martin will offer prayer. City Messenger Pattee will decorate the aldermanic and councilmanic chambers.

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BURGLARS BREAKING INTO THE POST OFFICE AT BILLERICA CENTRE.

ANOTHER BREAK

Burglars at Work in Billerica

Billerica is about to be policed as it was never policed before. Two burglaries have been committed at the centre within the last fifteen days and the people of that erstwhile quiet and unburglarized hamlet are crying for better police protection.

Last Friday night the postoffice was broken into and several dollars worth of tobacco and cigars was stolen. The thieves gained entrance through a window on the north side of the building. They used a hatchet in removing a pane of glass and left the hatchet behind them.

Owing to the call by the citizens for better police protection, the selectmen issued new orders which went into effect Saturday night. Until further orders by the selectmen the streets of Billerica Centre and of North Billerica will be patrolled between the hours of 11 p.m. and 4 a.m.

FUNERALS

LEAR—The remains of George Davis Lear were forwarded to Portland, Me., this morning. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, two sons, George and Lawrence, two daughters, Edna and Isabelle, and one brother, Wm. H. The bearers were Messrs. George Burns, James Tracey, Winfield Montgomery, John Hanley. John J. O'Connell & Co. had charge of the funeral arrangements.

FINNERTY—The remains of the late Michael J. Finnerty were consigned to their final resting place in the Catholic cemetery this morning. The funeral took place from his late home, 76 Magnolia street, off Varnum avenue, at 8.30 o'clock, and proceeded to St. Patrick's church in Suffolk street, where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. Fr. Callahan. The choir under the direction of Mr. Fred G. Bond sang the Gregorian mass and during the service appropriate selections were rendered by members of the choir.

There was a profusion of beautiful and appropriate floral offerings in evidence showing the esteem in which the deceased was held by his many friends and acquaintances, the following being the most prominent: Spray of palms, inscribed "Father," from the family of the deceased; sheaf of wheat, inscribed "At Rest," from Elizabeth and Mary Sherry; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols; spray of asters Frank George. There was a delegation present from the Holy Name society of St. Patrick's church of which the deceased was a prominent member, and the bearers were Messrs. Andrew Shanahan, James H. Fleming, James Kennedy, James Langan, Michael McDermott and Patrick McGrath. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Callahan. The funeral was under the direction of Undertaker C. H. Molloy.

PALMER—The funeral services of Miss Laura J. Palmer were held yesterday afternoon from the room of Undertaker Molloy at 3 o'clock, Rev. Smith T. Ford being the officiating clergyman. Later the body was forwarded to Bangor, Me., for burial by Undertaker Molloy.

HOLT—The funeral of Mrs. Ida Holt took place from her residence in Billerica Centre yesterday afternoon and burial was in Fox Hill cemetery in charge of Undertakers Young & Co. Rev. Mr. Nevins conducted the services at the house.

BERGERON—The funeral of Henri Bergeron took place Saturday from his home, 148 Cushing street, the requiem mass being sung at 8 o'clock at St. Joseph's church. Rev. Fr. Amyot, O. M. I., officiated. The bearers were Charles Lerebvre, Benjamin Joval, Geo. Bergeron, Jeffrey J. Cossette. The body was entombed at St. Joseph's cemetery. Undertaker Albert had charge.

RALLS—The funeral of Andrew J. Ralls was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of his parents, 59 Adams street, and was largely attended. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery in charge of Undertakers O'Donnell & Sons.

SEETON—The funeral of the late Robert B. Seeton was held from his home, 30 Third avenue, yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives. Impressive services were conducted at the Pawtucket Congregational church, Rev. E. R. Smith, the pastor, officiating. Appropriate hymns were sung by a quartette consisting of the following named: Mrs. D. R. Park, Mrs. R. R. Wood, Lewis Mason and John McLaren. Mr. Frank R. Hill presided at the organ. The bearers were Samuel R. Harvey and William E. Grade, representing the local order of Elks, George Gordon, and Peter Caddell, representing the Scottish Clans, and Alonzo H. Vining and John J. McManmon, representing the Pawtucketville fire department. Lowell lodge, Knights of Pythias, was represented by a delegation and they performed their services at the grave in the Woodbine cemetery in Pawtucketville. The floral offerings were profuse. Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck had general charge of the funeral arrangements.

McPADDEN—The funeral of Stephen McPadden was held yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, 236 Methuen street, and burial was in the family lot in the Catholic cemetery in charge of Undertaker Molloy.

LEMKE—The funeral of Frank Lemke took place from the home of his parents, 10 Stanley street, yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock and burial was in the Edson cemetery. Undertaker C. H. Molloy had charge.

CHALOUX—The funeral of Dorothy V. Chaloux took place Saturday from the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chaloux, 610 Chemlsford street. The funeral services were held at St. Joseph's church. Rev. Fr. Lewis, O. M. I., was the officiating clergyman, assisted by Rev. Fr. Nolin, O. M. I., and Rev. Fr. Graton, O. M. I., as deacon and sub-deacon.

The choir, under the direction of H. A. Racicot, gave the harmonized mass of the dead. The bearers were Messrs. Hormisdas Vallerand, Louis Hebert, Euclide Vallerand and Wilfrid Chaloux.

Burial was in the family lot in St. Joseph's cemetery. Rev. Fr. Audibert, O. M. I., recited the committal prayers at the grave. Undertaker Albert had charge.

NEVINS—The funeral of Christopher Nevins took place Saturday afternoon from the rooms of Undertakers O'Donnell & Sons and at 3 o'clock services were conducted at St. Peter's church, Rev. Fr. McDermod officiating. The bearers were James Finnigan, John Conway, Thomas Brown and John H. McAnney. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery in charge of Undertakers O'Donnell & Sons.

LEGGETT—The funeral of Mrs. Alice M. Leggett occurred Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late home, 114 Beach street and was largely attended. Rev. Orville Coats officiated and in his remarks made mention of the self-sacrificing spirit, always shown, and the kindly greeting with which Mrs. Leggett always met people. There was a great profusion of floral tributes sent by sorrowing friends. Mrs. B. B. Hart, Mrs. Birge Day and Messrs. George Sturtevant and Melvin Eames sang "My Heavenly Home is Bright and Fair" and "Sleep On Beloved." The bearers were Messrs. B. B. Thomas, Samuel McCord, Channing Wilkins of Worcester and Blake Coats. Burial was in the Edson cemetery, Undertaker C. M. Young in charge.

McGREEVY—All that was mortal of the late Michael McGreevy was consigned to its final resting place in the Catholic cemetery this morning. The funeral took place from the late home of deceased, 13 Burns street, at 8.30 and was largely attended by sorrowing friends and relatives.

The cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church, where a mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Fr. McDermod. The choir under the direction of James E. Donnelly rendered Schmidt's mass. At the offertory the "Pie Jesu" was sung by Miss Mollie Ivers and at the conclusion Mr. Donnelly rendered "No Cross, No Crown." As the remains were carried from the church the full choir sang "Rest, Spirit, Rest." Mrs. Josephine McKennedy presided at the organ. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful, among them being: A sheaf of wheat from family; large spray from the employes of E. D. Shattuck, and a large wreath from the firm of Collins & Gallagher. The following close friends of deceased were the bearers: Thomas McNiff, James Cooney, Palmer Duffy, John Ward, Peter McNiff and Michael Dolan. At the grave Rev. Fr. McDermod read the committal prayers and the interment was under the direction of Undertakers J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

LOOMFIXERS' ASSOCIATION

The Loomfixers' Association will meet tonight. Election of officers and other important business will be transacted.

Per order, SECRETARY.

HE FAILED AGAIN

Cuban Wonder Obliged to Forfeit

At the Academy of Music Saturday night Beuldin, the Cuban wonder, again lost money, for he attempted to throw Frank Heldke and William Ladue in 15 minutes and failed dismally. On Christmas night he tried Ladue and failing to throw him in 15 minutes forfeited the $25.

Ladue wrestles Paul Sweeney, the Nashua heavyweight, in O'Donnell hall, Nashua, tonight and a special car for Lowell sports will leave Merrimack square at 6.30. Quite a number of Lowell people will go up.

Ladue would like a match with Charlie Reinecke and will post a forfeit for appearance with this paper. Ladue and Reinecke will make the best bout ever seen here as there is a professional rivalry between them and not the best of feeling. Hence, if they meet, their work will be the genuine article.

IN MANY PULPITS

Sunday Services in Local Churches

"At Ease in Zion," was the subject of a sermon by Rev. Ralph Gillam at the First Congregational church yesterday.

In the evening the annual Christmas concert by the Sunday school was given before an audience that crowded the large vestry. The musical program was under the efficient direction of George Fish, with Miss Lillian Johnson accompanist.

The superintendent and teachers in the various departments had general charge of the affair. The following scholars took part in the exercises:

Hazel Cockerline, Walter Sanborn, Mildred Chapman, Alma Staples, Phillip Richardson, Maud Smith, Norman Roberts, Vera Morton, Harold Wilson, Donald Hanson, Wilbur Richardson, Robert Wonall, Aubrey Hunt, Ray Bartlett, Irene Richardson, George Smith, Dorothy Bergstrom, Harold Bartlett, Hanna Bakewell, Russell Smith, Cora Smith, Winthrop Osgood, Howard Robinson, Eugene Cote, Lucy Fish, Jamie Fish, Charles Bodreau, Harold Glover, Gladys Kimball, Dorothy Bergstrom, Winfield Hanson, Gladys King, Arthur Ecclestone, Annie Fletcher, Alice Leith, Mabel Sullivan, Belle Robinson, Marion Gott, Ruth Blanchard, Larene Burns, William Liddell, Eddie Bean, Alice Putnam, Jamie Fish, Gracie Conrad, Cathleen Wright, Ruth Sawyer, Lucy Fish, Irene Cockerline, Mabel Wilmot, Gertrude Wehinger, Elwin Edwards, Nellie Bakewell, Earl Cockerline, Sarah Bakewell, Mattie McGroty, Edna Hollis, Dorothy Carley, Thirza Curtis, Ralph Gillam, Jr., Frank Sweatt, Gladys Ireland, Gracie Houston, Fred Lang, Clarie Robinson, Leah Livermore, Mildred Melvin, Helen Flack, Edith Don, Addie Vogel.

"Christmas in All Lands" was the subject of the Christmas concert of the Fifth Street Baptist Sunday school last evening, under the direction of the superintendent of the school, Roscoe B. Thomas. The children who took part in the program were, Esther Geddes, Esther Thomas, Ruby Smith, Edith Polk, Hazel Vinal, Ethel Brownsward, Laura Thomas, Jessie Campbell, Annie White, Eva Thompson, Daisy Jackson, Jennie Shaw, Myrtle Gordon, Gladys Merrill, Myrtle Mellen, Gladys Plumstead, Margaret Parke, Emma Steady, Cora Waterman, Helen Fox, Ethel Foots, Ina Gregg, Marion Brown, Grace Collins, Flora Mowatt.

Primary, recitations by Barbara Walker, Helen Campbell, Laura Cressy, Elsie Smith, Flossie Cutting, Sarah Cowdell, Tillie Holmes, Eva Birchenough, Marion Harley, Norman Brownsward, Walter Wilson, Fred Cressy, Herschel Clough, Lloyd Wiggin, Perry Wiggin, Barbara Davis, Lucy Lyon, Helen Sargent, Harriet Thomas.

Miss Ada Jasper and Miss Maud Pratt sang solos and Lottie and Marion Jackson sang a duet.

The Christmas music at the Kirk street church, yesterday, was repeated. Rev. George E. Martin, D. D., spoke on the text: "But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart."

At the session of the Sunday school, the following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Henry A. Smith; superintendent of the primary department, Miss Belle F. Batchelder; secretary, Harry W. Dunklee.

The Christmas exercises of the Sunday school will be held on Wednesday night.

At the Y. M. C. A., yesterday, Rev. John D. Pickles, Ph.D., of Boston spoke on the subject, "The Gospel's Appeal to Manly Men." Mr. Leon E. Baldwin of the University quartet, Boston, sang gospel hymns.

Rev. G. H. Holcomb, pastor of the Unitarian church of Tyngsboro, was the preacher at the union service of the liberal churches, held in the First Universalist church. He spoke from the text: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness."

The First Universalist church received yesterday as a Christmas gift, an addition to the pulpit furniture, in the shape of a black walnut stand, very rich and churchly in design. It was presented by Mrs. T. C. Entwistle, in memory of her deceased husband, who was a faithful supporter of that church.

At the Centralville Methodist yesterday morning the pulpit was filled by Rev. John Pickles, Ph. D., of Boston, a brother of the pastor. A Christmas concert took place in the evening.

Rev. T. Clayton Welles preached forcibly upon "The Passing of the Year," at the Highland Congregational church last evening.

With the exception of the sermon preached by Rev. Robert F. True, the Christmas services were repeated at the Immanuel Baptist church yesterday.

RUSSIA'S GAME

Czar Plans to Postpone Trouble With Japan

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—The consensus of unofficial opinion among those associated with the government but not responsible therefor, is that the czar is so peacefully disposed that he will make such concessions to Japan as are necessary to prevent war, provided no unforeseen events force the hands of the governments concerned. At the same time his majesty, it is pointed out, agrees with those who believe that preparation for war is the best safeguard of peace and that apparent willingness to allow matters to be submitted to the test of arms, is more likely to lead to a satisfactory compromise than an exhibition of overmuch peacefulness. This unofficial opinion, however, believes the controlling party in Russia regards Korea as necessary to the consolidation of Russian interests in the far east, and therefore, is determined to prevent the peninsula falling into Japanese hands and that any concession Russia now makes to Japan will be only with the object of deferring the difficulty until a more seasonable time.

There is not likely to be much difficulty in finding money in case of war. A foreign loan on acceptable terms is probably impossible; but the Russian banks and merchants have ample funds on which the government could draw.

One reason why the British alarmist news fails to convince the Russians is the perfect understanding here of the benefits Great Britain derives from a continuance of the strained situation. It was known here a year ago that Great Britain was planning to occupy Thibet and extend the railroad to a point in the Yangtse valley which is reachable by gunboats from the sea. Great Britain's forward movement at this time excites both admiration and rage, the former for the clever political move, the latter because Russia is so preoccupied in the far east that she is unable to prevent Great Britain from creating her own Manchuria in the Yangtse provinces. It is pointed here that the present situation affords Britain the same opportunity as actual war between Russia and any third power.

JIMMY GARDNER

WILL MEET BUDDY RYAN IN CHICAGO.

Jimmy Gardner of Lowell and Buddy Ryan of Chicago have been matched for a six-round bout, to take place in Chicago January 11.

George Gardner, who is matched for a bout with Marvin Hart for the Criterion club, Boston, a week from tomorrow night, is training faithfully for the contest at his home in this city. He will be in grand condition, and expects to win inside of the limit.

NEGRO BLEACHED

BY THE USE OF THE X-RAY.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 28.—Dr. H. K. Pancoast of the University of Pennsylvania has discovered that it is possible, by means of the X-ray, to so bleach the skin of a negro that to all intents and purposes the subject becomes a white person. The condition of the person so treated is permanent. The discovery was made incidentally while negroes were being treated at the university for cancer and lupus, and, while no attempt so far has been made to experiment with the skin of a healthy negro, Dr. Pancoast himself believes it is possible to change the color.

WAGNER'S ESTATE

HARVARD BREWERY DIRECTOR LEFT $25,000.

NASHUA, Dec. 28 George Hosser of Manchester, George A. Wagner, a ker administrator of the estate of Edward Wagner of Manchester at Saturday's session of the Probate court. The petitioners were Minna Wagner, widow and Ottilie Wagner, daughter, both of Manchester. George A. Wagner a nephew, presented the petition, which describes the estate at an estimated value of $25,000, $5000 in real estate and $20,000 in personal property. The administrator, as principle, and the two heirs, gave a bond for $25,000 as sureties.

DEATHS

LAMBERT—Marie Rose Lambert, infant daughter of Eugene and Alvina, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her parents, 48 Winter street.

FITZGERALD—Winthrop F., son of Charles H. Fitzgerald, died Saturday at the residence of John L. Moore in North Tewksbury. The deceased was 16 years of age.

CLARK—Mrs. Sarah E. Clark, well known in this city, died Saturday at Indiana, Pa. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Horace E. Carmandt, of this city, formerly a well-known teacher, and one son, Frank S. Clark of Walpole, formerly of this city. The remains will be brought to Lowell today.

DREW—Sarah Drew, aged 79 years, and 8 months, died last night at her home in Westford. She was the widow of the late Greenleaf Drew, and is survived by one son, Frank of Westford.

GILL—Henri Gill, aged 52 years, died suddenly yesterday morning at his home, 52 Moody street. The deceased was well known in this city, having been a resident for the past 30 years. He was employed in the spinning room of the Tremont and Suffolk mills and was a popular member of Court Garin, F. of A.

He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and a son, George.

DUMAINE—Henri Dumaine, aged 21 years, died yesterday morning at his late home, 55 Suffolk street. The deceased was found dead in bed by his sister when the latter went to call him in the morning. He is survived by a mother, Mrs. Alphonsine Dumaine and three sisters, Mrs. Delia Benoit of Manchester, Mrs. Clara Pratt of Fall River and Miss Adele Dumaine of this city and one brother Louis of Fall River.

BOWEN—Estelle M. Bowen, aged 1 year and 1 month, child of James and Ida, died last night at the home of her parents, 6 Bedard's avenue, off Coburn street.

The funeral took place this afternoon and the interment was in the Catholic cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker Thomas J. McDermott.

THE WEATHER

Local forecast: Fair tonight; colder; Tuesday somewhat warmer; fresh to brisk westerly winds.

NARROW ESCAPE

From Asphyxiation by Goddu Family

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goddu and their 13-year-old son, residing at 7 Clark street, narrowly escaped asphyxiation by coal gas at their home Friday night. Before retiring they filled the sitting room stove with coal and evidently forgot to open the chimney draft. During the night an explosion occurred, which blew out the stovepipe cap in the parlor wall and the escaping coal gas poured through the aperture, soon filling all the rooms down stairs.

When Mr. Goddu attempted to arise Saturday morning he fell unconscious to the floor. His wife, though conscious of his condition, found herself unable to get out of bed. Mr. Goddu recovered in a few minutes, and dragging himself to the window threw it open, allowing the gas to escape. The little son was also found to be in a bad way, but the fresh air soon revived all and they recovered as the day grew, though not without suffering from headaches and dizziness.

Two other members of the family who slept upstairs escaped the effects of the gas.

MATRIMONIAL

The marriage of William Boissoneault and Miss Aurore Leblanc took place yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory, Rev. Fr. Graton, O. M. I., performed the ceremony. Mr. Adelard Leblanc was best man and Miss Laura Dion was bridesmaid.

PAQUIN—COURTEAU.

Mr. Arthur Paquin and Miss Fabiola Courteau were married yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory, Rev. Fr. Lamothe, O. M. I., being the officiating clergyman. Messrs. Octave Courteau and Treffle Paquin attended the contracting parties.

MERCIER—BEAULIEU.

Yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory Mr. Camille Mercier of Boston and Miss Georgia Beaulieu were married, Rev. Fr. Audibert, O. M. I., performing the nuptial rites. The groomsman was Mr. Orestes Landry and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Grazella Beaulieu.

DELISLE—LEPAGE.

The marriage of Mr. Cyprien Delisle and Miss Edwigde Lepage was solemnized yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory, Rev. Fr. Audibert, O. M. I., performing the ceremony. The witnesses were Messrs. Francis Fontaine and Antoine Delisle.

LAJEUNESSE—BARBER.

Mr. Olympe LeJeunesse and Miss Sarah Barber were married yesterday afternoon the witnesses to the ceremony being Messrs. Wilfred Lajoie and Maxime Lafortune. Rev. Fr. Campeau, O. M. I., gave the nuptial benediction.

SOLDIER'S BODY

WILL BE SENT TO THIS CITY FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

It is expected that the body of Private Charles McCaffrey of this city, who died in the Philippines, will arrive in this city during the latter part of this or the first of next week. Mrs. Sarah McCaffrey of 51 Bartlett street received a telegram from the military authorities at San Francisco yesterday stating that the body of her son would soon be here.

The deceased was a member of the marine service and died on the islands a year ago last September. Bodies are tombed for a year after death and then sent to the United States.

A Great Fight

Age and you seem to be having a terrible struggle. It's ten to one you will get whipped —unless you do something. Restore color to your gray hair with Ayer's Hair Vigor. You will look twenty years younger, and your fight with old age will be over.

J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

WILLING TO DIE

So Her Husband Murdered Her

STRANGE STORY TOLD POLICE BY ROSE

Child Watched Over Mother's Body

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 28.—Frank Rose, a young barber, called at the police station yesterday and quietly informed the officer in charge that he had killed his wife on Christmas day, that her body was still lying in her bed at his home, where he had shot her.

The police thought he was crazy, but after placing him in a cell they went to the house to investigate. There the woman's cold body was found lying on the bed, and by her side was her 2-year-old baby boy, its little clothes saturated with blood. The child, although it had been in the room two bitterly cold nights and a day, was still alive and promises to suffer no serious harm from the awful experience. When the police burst open the door they found the child with its little arms around its mother's neck.

"I can't wake mama up," said the baby.

According to the man's story, Mrs. Rose had confessed that she had been unfaithful to him, and when he suggested that he kill her she really consented to pay the penalty.

Here is the story Rose told to the police:

"We went to bed at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon Friday and got to talking about the life we were leading. I wanted my wife to quit sporting around and she said she couldn't. I said to her: 'Well, there's only one way to stop it, and that is for me to kill you.' 'All right,' she said, 'I'm perfectly willing you should. I'm perfectly satisfied to die and quit this life. It's the only way I can stop it.'

"She said if I left her, she would follow me all over the country and have me put in jail for non-support, and would rather die than do that. So I got my pistol from under my pillow and shot her.

"I got up and dressed and she lay on the bed an hour and a half, struggling and kicking before she died. She asked me to put the baby in her arms, and said she was glad I had shot her and asked me to kiss her goodby.

"After she was dead I went down town and began to drink. I went back that night and next day."

He was asked why he had not made a clean job of it by killing himself at the same time, and he said:

"Oh, I'd fix her, and I thought I'd let the other fellows fix me."

Rose continued his story by declaring that after he killed his wife he dressed and left the room, locking the door. Friday night and Saturday afternoon he returned to the house, taking the child two slices of bread on each occasion.

"I left the child to watch over the body," he added.

Rose came here from St. Louis two months ago. He is 30 years old. When he was arrested he was partially intoxicated. Doctors who examined Rose say he is not insane.

Mrs. Rose was 26 years old and handsome.

"I killed her because she had ruined my life, and I am ready to pay the penalty," Rose declared late last night.

BOWLING NEWS.

A close and well contested game was pulled off on Les Miserables alleys Saturday night when the Ramblers and the Settlers got together. The former won by the small margin of four pins. The Ramblers won the first string by 20 pins, and lost the second by 14, and lost the third by two pins, but their margin in the first string was enough to insure a win. Hall of the winning team made a single string total of 112, while his three string total of 277 was the best made during the evening. The score:

Ramblers—Perrin 257, Hall 277, Carr 230, Currier 240, Hope 231; total, 1245.

Settlers—Marsden 268, Rigby 240, McGrail 238, Moran 252, Simpson 243; total, 1241.

LANDLORDS.

If you have a tenement idle that rents for $15 a month, you are losing 50 cents a day every day it is vacant. A little ad. in The Sun "To Let" column will rent your tenement in a very few days. Others have tried it with good results; why don't you try it?

R. W. & B.

DIVIDEND DAY

Next Tuesday

Owing to the great holiday rush we will be unable to check up all books on Tuesday and have decided to extend the time until Jan. 1. Dividends may be had at either Cook, Taylor & Co.'s stores, or at this office.

Red, White and Blue Trading Stamps Co.

ASSOCIATE BUILDING

MISS UPTON, clairvoyant, card reader, business medium. 81 Merrimack street.

WANTED Strictly first-class upholsterer at once; none others need apply. Reynolds's, 25 Palmer street.

WANTED A housegirl. Mrs. Ames, 159 Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

FROM SATURDAY'S LATE EDITIONS

O'BRIEN WON OUT

He Was Charged With Selling Liquor

JUDGE HADLEY FOUND HIM NOT GUILTY

It Was Medicine, Not Whiskey He Sold

The case of Dennis O'Brien, the Bridge street druggist, charged with the illegal sale of liquor, was tried before Judge Hadley in police court today and he was found not guilty.

Officer Brown, who arrested Mr. O'Brien, was the first witness. He said:

"On Sunday evening, Dec. 6, at 5.50 o'clock I was standing in Bridge street, opposite O'Brien's store."

Officer Brown had a half pint bottle of whiskey in his hand while he testified, and relative to it, he said:

"The bottle was passed to an unknown man by Mr. O'Brien. I entered the store and grabbed the bottle. I asked him to give up the bottle. I explained to him that I was a liquor officer and that I had seen Mr. O'Brien pass the bottle to him.

Dennis O'Brien said to the unknown man: 'Don't give up the bottle!' Again I asked the unknown man to give up the bottle and he refused. I had a hold on the bottle and I continued to hold it. I took the unknown man to the box across the street and got possession of the bottle just as the patrol wagon arrived.

"I told the driver to go to the drug store. I went to the drug store and said I wanted to search the place for liquor. He would not allow me to search. I didn't have a warrant. I asked Mr. O'Brien to accompany me to the police station and he did. I booked him on the charge of illegally selling liquor."

Officer Brown then went on to explain other evidences of sale that he had noted since the first of May. He thought the traffic was greater than his legitimate business warranted.

On cross examination Officer Brown said he had not threatened to catch Mr. O'Brien, but he said he did make the statement that he would catch Mr. O'Brien if he could.

Counsel for defence asked Officer Brown if he had said anything about a civil suit growing out of the arrest of Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. Brown admitted that he had said that he didn't care if Mr. O'Brien did bring a civil suit.

"Did you safy," asked counsel for defence, "in connection with this case, that you didn't care for the police board, the superintendent or anybody else?"

"I did not."

"Didn't you say you didn't care for the job, that the Law and Order league would give you a job?'

"I did not say so."

Mr. Brown appealed to the court relative to the form of questions and the line was changed

Officer Palmer said he did not know anything about the sale in question, but he had seen men in O'Brien's drug store drinking stuff the color of whiskey and that whatever the stuff was they invariably took "chasers" after it. He said he had seen a great many drunken men coming out of Mr. O'Brien's drug store from the first day of October to the present time.

When asked why he didn't go in and investigate, when he believed liquor was being sold, he said he had reported what he had seen and that it was up to the liquor squad to do the investigating.

Mr. O'Brien and his witnesses were sworn. The unknown man referred to turned out to be a Mr. Jordan. Mr. O'Brien said he did not sell any whiskey to Mr. Jordan, but that he did put up a prescription for him.

He said that Officer Brown rushed into his store, grabbed the man's hand, handcuffed him and dragged him out of the store. The bottle he passed over the counter to Mr. Jordan, was an oval shaped bottle. He also denied that he told Jordan not to give the bottle up.

Stanislaus O'Brien, the defendant's son, corroborated his father's testimony. He said he told Mr. Jordan to give the bottle up when Mr. Bown asked for it. He said he had not sold any liquor and had not seen any sold by his father or anybody else in his father's store.

Joseph Thomas Jordan, the man from whom Officer Brown took the bottle, testified that he did not buy the liquor from Mr. O'Brien. He said his wife bought it in Lawrence about five weeks ago.

"Why did you have the bottle in your pocket" asked the court.

"I had to treat three of my friends in the band room."

"What band do you belong to?"

"The General Butler Fife and Drum Corpse."

"You don't mean they're dead men, do you?"

"No, I'm a snare drummer."

Patrick Riley, another band member, said that Mr. Jordan while in the band room asked him to take a drink.

Riley admitted that he had been in police court for drunkenness, second offence, and that he hadn't been doing much since then.

Counsel for defence started to argue but before he had proceeded far Judge Hadley stopped him, and found Mr. O'Brien not guilty.

RACE TROUBLE

WHITES AND BLACKS READY TO FIGHT.

GUTMAN, Ga., Dec. 26.—Reports reached here last night of trouble at the village of Barney, 18 miles east. The sheriff with a posse has gone to the scene.

The trouble grew out of the killing of a negro desperado by a white man. Much excitement prevails among the blacks.

Catarrh

Whether it is of the nose, throat, stomach, bowels, or more delicate organs, catarrh is always debilitating and should never fail of attention.

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RARE OPERATION

Performed on Child at Lowell Hospital

The health department and the local medical fraternity are watching with deepest interest a case of membraneous croup now being cared for at the Lowell hospital in which the victim, a small child, underwent an operation a few days ago as a last means of saving its life.

The child is little Frank Elliott, residing in Bridge street, and Dr. Porter, who was called, found the little fellow in the worst stage of membraneous croup, when only the insertion of a silver tube into the throat will save his life.

Owing to the tender years of children affected by croup this operation is rarely attempted, but in this case it was decided to operate and the little one was removed to the contagious disease ward of the Lowell hospital, where Dr. Field successfully inserted the tube.

At the hospital this noon the information was given out that while the child is not yet out of danger, he is much more comfortable than he was.

FILE YOUR NAMES

Candidates for Democratic City Committee

The caucuses to elect a new democratic city committee will be held in all the wards on next Tuesday evening and the names of all candidates must be filed at democratic headquarters not later than 9 o'clock tonight and each candidate's name must be accompanied by $1.

INJURED FOOT

ACCIDENT TO DENIS WHOLEY OF FENWICK STREET.

Mr. Denis Wholey, for many years a carpenter in the employ of the Merrimack Manufacturing company, met with a painful and serious accident on Thursday morning while at work. The wheel of a large hand truck loaded with lumber passed over his right foot, badly crushing that member. Mr. Wholey at first thought nothing of the accident, but after going to his home in Fenwick street learned to his surprise that his foot was in bad shape. Dr. P. E. Sullivan attended him. Mr. Wholey will be confined to the house for some little time.

REPORT OF DEATHS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 26, 1903.

Dec.
18—Rebecca Wells, 76, carcinoma.
Roseanna Kane, 70, old age.
Patrick J. Hogan, 63, nephritis.
Mary A. Rowland, 39, heart disease.
19—Julia C. O'Sullivan, 53, cer. hemorrhage.
Hiram E. Greene, 55, int. obstruction.
James Engan, 49, pneumonia.
Michael B. Read, 24, disease of heart.
Ovila Adam, 3, diphtheria.
20—John Sayers, 50, art. sclerosis.
Mary A. Corbett, 18, epilepsy.
21—Rachel Adams, 11, cancer.
Thomas McKay, 30, dementia.
Minnie Laliberte, 22, heart disease.
Christie A. Gordon, 68, disease of heart.
Leo Paparell, 6 mos., pneumonia.
John JleM, 1 mo., colitis.
M. Aurore Cloutier, 10 days, debility.
Marceline Belvail, 45, consumption.
22—Alice M. Leggett, 35, pericarditis.
Bertha G. Meadowcroft, 59, epithelioma.
23—Mary Condon, 63, pneumonia.
Mabel B. Burch, 16, tuberculosis.
24—Henry Bergeron, 3, pneumonia.
Mary E. Carrigg, 28, nephritis.
25—Morton F. McMillan, 19, phthisis.

GIRARD P. DADMAN, City Clerk.

FUNERALS

FLYNN—The funeral of Mrs. Annie Flynn took place this morning from her late home in North Billerica. A high mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Andrew's church in that town by Rev. Fr. Desrochers, O. M. I. The bearers were Messrs. Albert Hannon, Patrick White, Eugene Sweeney, George Emmon, Patrick Higgins and Patrick Sheehan. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Desrochers, O. M. I. The funeral was under the direction of Undertaker Thomas J. McDedmott.

BAXTER—The remains of the late Mamie Baxter were consigned to their final resting place in the Catholic cemetery this morning. The funeral, which was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends of the deceased, took place from her late home, 18 Second street, at 8.30 o'clock and proceeded to St. Michael's church in Sixth street, where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. Fr. Mullin. The choir under the direction of Mr. Thomas P. Boulger sang the Gregorian mass and during the service appropriate selections were rendered by members of the choir.

There was a profusion of beautiful and appropriate floral offerings in evidence, the following being the most prominent: Pillow, from the brother and sister of the deceased; pillow, inscribed "At Rest," employes of the Lowell Opera House; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. J. Grant; wreath, Mr. George Fenburg and Mr. Fred Emerson; spray of pinks, Denis O'Brien; spray of pinks, Mrs. B. J. Callahan; spray of tea roses, Baxter children; spray of tea roses, Mrs. J. F. Riley; spray of chrysanthemums, Miss Carroll; spray of lilies, Mr. R. Monahan; spray of lilies, Miss McNell; spray of lilies, Miss M. Moran; spray of pinks, Nellie and Mary Howard; spray of pinks, Minnie Brady; spray of chrysanthemums, Delia McNally; spray of chrysanthemums, Margaret Gallagher; spray of tea roses, Agnes Fay.

The bearers were Messrs. Philip and Thomas McNally, Daniel Donahue, John McCarthy, Frank Quinn and Stanislaus O'Brien. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Mullin. The funeral was under the direction of Undertaker Charles H. Melloy.

GREAT BRITAIN

HAS RECOGNIZED REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

LONDON, Dec. 26. The British foreign office confirms the Associated Press dispatch from Panama Thursday announcing that Great Britain has recognized the new republic.

POSTMASTER DEAD.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 26. J. Watts Kearney, postmaster of this city, is dead.

"KID" FLANNERY.

KID FLANNERY

Demonstrates His Ability With the Mitts

AT THE RIVERVIEW CLUB SMOKING CONCERT

Fine Program Enjoyed by Members

Following the Flahertys and the Gardners to make Lowell famous as the home of boxers, a new star has appeared on the horizon in the person of Kid Flannery, a 105 pound bantam who yesterday disposed of Kid Black, a clever Boston boxer, in the sixth round of what was to have been twice as long a bout.

Kid Flannery made his debut at the Christmas "smoker" at the Riverview Athletic club of Dracut, yesterday afternoon, and delighted 300 members with his fine work.

The "smoker" had a varied program and included a song and dance act by Charlie Armstrong that put all the audience to sleep as effectually as if each member had been handed one of Charlie's celebrated pills. "Tad" Flaherty after challenging all comers to a game of checkers sang a couple of songs and was well received. "Old Sport" Thyne, who knows the history of all scrappers since the time when David put Goliath out of business in one round, gave a 10 minute talk on boxers, past, present and future.

There were three boxing bouts and all took well. Charlie Armstrong put away "Bill" Osborne, who was tagged "middleweight champion of the navy," in four rounds. The second bout was a friendly affair between Jimmy Handler and Billy Chisholm of this city.

The final was between Kid Flannery and Kid Black. Mattie Carney looked after Flannery and Rey Woods and Kid Lavigne took care of Block. Martin Flaherty was referee and Gus Long held the watch.

Block opened up by telling Flannery what he was going to do to him and Flannery advised him not to hurry too much about it. Block was aggressor at the start but he found himself up against a great defence and he was unable to land a glove on the clever Lowell boy. Flannery bored into him in the mixups and before the round was over showed that he was master of the situation. In the second Flannery became aggressive and punched the Boston lad all around the ring. A straight left sent Block down for nine seconds while another on his Semitic nose unnerved him badly.

Block came back gamely in the third only to get another gruelling, being sent to the boards twice in this round.

In the fourth Flannery landed on Block's jaw and the band played for over ten seconds.

Flannery is a phenomenally developed youngster and has the strength of a man much heavier. He is clever with the mitts and very cool and all local judges of boxing who have seen him predict that he will make his mark in the ring.

A go between Flannery and one of the 105-pound Boston men would make a fine preliminary for the Hart-Gardner bout before the Criterion club.

MOB VIOLENCE

Nine Negroes Were Spirited Away

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.—Threats of mob violence having become pronounced during the past few days, nine negroes charged with murder have been spirited away to Madisonville for safe keeping. They are charged with the murder and mutilation of an unknown man a week ago. One of the prisoners confessed that the stranger had been murdered and robbed by himself and companions.

WRECKING CREW AT WORK.

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., Dec. 26.—Work was begun today on the Starin line steamer Erastus Corning, wrecked on Copps Island, off this harbor, by the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking company, and it is expected that she will be floated and towed to New York in four days. The plan is to build a bulkhead around the bow in order to cut away the jagged rock which penetrated this part of the steamer. The wreckers do not think the craft is seriously hurt. The cargo has been lightered by the Starin company. A thick snowstorm set in today but the sea was not rough.

POSTMASTERS NAMED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Stephen Valla and John A. Gleason were today appointed postmasters at Alexandria and Dublin, N. H., respectively.

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FUNERAL SERVICES

OVER REMAINS OF LATE MRS. HOAR.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The funeral of Mrs. George F. Hoar was held at her late residence on Connecticut avenue yesterday noon. The services were brief and simple, consisting of the reading of Scriptures and a prayer by the Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce, minister of All Souls' (Unitarian) church in this city, of which Senator and Mrs. Hoar have been attendants for many years.

President Roosevelt and a large number of personal friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hoar, including many of the senators' colleagues, were present. Among those in attendance were Senator and Mrs. Lodge, Senator and Mrs. Hale, ex-Senator Chandler, Senators Fairbanks, Hansbrough and Burton, Chief Justice Fuller and Mr. Justice Harlan of the supreme court, Gen. and Mrs. William F. Draper and Nelson A. Miles. There were beautiful floral tributes from the president and Mrs. Roosevelt and others.

The body of Mrs. Hoar was taken to Worcester yesterday afternoon, accompanied by Senator Hoar and a few of the family friends. Senator Hoar was accompanied to the station by Senator Lodge, who has been constantly by the side of his venerable colleague since Mrs. Hoar's death.

Senators Blackburn of Kentucky, Culberson of Texas and other colleagues and friends of Mr. Hoar were at the station to extend to him sympathy and condolence.

The funeral party will be met in New York by Senator Hoar's son, Rev. Rockwood Hoar, who will accompany the party to Worcester, where further services over the body of Mrs. Hoar will be held next Monday.

COOPER UNION

GOT JUDGMENT IN SUM OF $130,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. Cooper Union, after a legal fight lasting several years, has received in the state supreme court judgments in the sum of $130,000 against the Manhattan Elevated Railway Co., for damages to the building. The judgment is one of the largest ever given for damages done to structures along the lines of elevated. Not only was the foundation weakened, it is alleged, but the noise of passing trains is declared to interfere greatly with the conduct of classes in the union.

TO STOP PRICE CUTTING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. Soon after the beginning of the year some of the largest manufacturers of patent medicines will, it is stated, put into effect in this city a new plan to stop cutting of prices on such articles by druggists and department stores.

This will be the first time that the proprietors have taken a direct interest in the solution of the cut rate problems.

It is the intention to have a fixed price list below which the manufacturers will not allow their goods to be sold at retail. This will apply to the department stores, as well as to all retail druggists.

SENATOR GORMAN

MAY MANAGE THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—"I have made up my mind as to the man who is to be nominated by the democratic party for the presidency and also the man who is to manage the campaign," said Representative Cooper of Texas yesterday.

"Judge Parker will be nominated and Senator Gorman will manage the campaign as chairman of the national committee."

"But how about the candidacy of Mr. Gorman for the nomination?" Mr. Cooper was asked.

"Senator Gorman would make a great president, but if I can catch the drift of sentiment among democrats everywhere, it is not running toward Gorman for the nomination. The fact is, Senator Gorman is known all over the country as a 'politician.' He is spoken of very generally as a 'slick politician.' Somehow, that sort of sentiment, when it gets broadcast, does not do a man any good among the people when it comes to making a selection for the presidency.

"These qualifications of a shrewd politician that are so generally accredited to Mr. Gorman are qualifications that point to him as the manager of the next campaign. I do not doubt that there will be very general demand on Mr. Gorman to manage the campaign, and I do not doubt that he will do it.

"I do not know Judge Parker personally, in fact, I have never seen him, but wherever he is spoken of there seems to be a sentiment that he is the man who more than any other will rally to his support all the elements in the party and draw strongly on the republican forces without giving offence to any element in his own party. It is taken for granted that he is in harmony with the ideas of the business world and will not favor anything that is extreme or likely to unsettle conditions. The very fact that he has not been constantly before the public eye in connection with political activity, so that his views on all questions might be known perfectly, is not a disadvantage to him."

FATALLY WOUNDED

NEGRO SHOT BY HIS CONFEDERATE.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 26.—Albert Chambliss, colored, who was being held as a hostage for the arrest of a confederate, has been shot and fatally wounded by the latter, also a negro named Allington. Patrolman Peter Donlan, who had the negro in custody, was wounded, but not seriously.

The shooting occurred in the western section of the city where a number of negroes had been fighting. Allington, who did considerable promiscuous shooting, retired to a cabin, which was surrounded by a dozen policemen and a crowd of 200 citizens. Owing to the presence in the cabin of a negro girl the police refrained from bombarding it, although Allington fired 50 or 60 shots at them. When Allington's ammunition gave out and the police arrested him.

NOTED PRISONER

TOOK PART IN A MINSTREL SHOW.

RUTLAND, Vt., Dec. 26.—Several noted prisoners at the house of correction here participated in a novel Christmas entertainment. A number of inmates provided a minstrel show to the delectation of the others, some of the prisoners taking female parts.

D. Henry Lewis, former cashier of the defunct Farmers' National bank of Vergennes acted as end man and Marvin A. McClure, who was convicted of wrecking the Merchants' National bank of Rutland, was head usher. Former Teller Farrar, who was a defaulter from the Waterbury National bank, was interlocutor.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 26.—The plant of the Specialty Box Paper company was destroyed by fire early today. The loss is estimated at $30,000. By hard work the firemen prevented the fire from spreading to adjoining property. The blaze started in the basement from an unknown cause.

HEAVY GALE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.—A gale blowing at a rate of 50 miles an hour struck Louisville yesterday afternoon and within two hours the mercury dropped over 20 degrees. The gale was accompanied by a blinding snowstorm.

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JAPAN GETS READY

Country Preparing for War With Russia

LONDON, Dec 26—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Chilean warships, the armored cruiser Esmeralda and another, probably the battleship Capitan Prat, which are for sale. It is now only a matter of price. Negotiations with other South American governments for the purchase of warships are also in progress.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, said to a representative of the Associated Press today, relative to these negotiations:

"We want more ships. Of course this is only a precautionary measure, and it may be a lot of expense for nothing.

"I have no indication of the nature of the Russian reply. Personally, I scarcely expect it will be delivered for some little time. There is no truth whatever in the report that Japan's last note stipulated a time limit."

Asked about the despatch from Berlin of Dec. 24, saying the British government had represented to the czar that Great Britain "deemed Japan's demands just and earnestly expected that Russia would grant them," Baron Hayashi, while he was not aware of the precise action taken by Great Britain at St. Petersburg, said:

"The British government is well aware that Japan will be obliged to go to war unless Russia modifies the position she has taken in her last note."

At the foreign office here nothing is yet known of the probable nature of the Russian reply.

FOUR EVICTIONS

Families Turned Out of Homes

MEYERSDALE, Pa., Dec. 26—The Somerset Coal Co., has evicted the families of four striking Slavic miners at Pine Hill in the Meyersdale field. Sheriff Coleman was present and the tenants accepted the situation without any show of resistance.

The Somerset Coal Co. took a carload of men from the Elk Lick and Summit mines at night into the Pine Hill mines, which are now being operated. They are also running the mines at Wilson Creek, [illegible] and Landstreet on reduced wages. The W. K. Niver company is operating both shaft and slope mines at McDonaldton near Berlin and their mine at Niverton. The Meyersdale Coal company is also running on the Somerset and Cumberland branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad before the strike order went into effect, that is not working now. These places had no organization, this being especially true of the Niver mines. The Meagher mines and those of Galloway and Clayton of Baltimore, located near Salisbury, are running as is also the Hardly Able mine near Meyersdale but they are paying the old scale of 65 cents.

FIVE INJURED.

CLIFTON, Va., Dec. 26.—A passenger train from Harrisonburg, Va., to Washington, D. C., ran into the rear of an extra freight train near Clifton last night. Five members of the crew were injured.

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SMITH IS MISSING

Police Asked to Look for Him

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—William B. Smith, brother of the late Mrs. Charles L. Fair disappeared from his home in Newmarket, N. J., last Monday night and failure to secure any trace of him has led his wife and friends to call upon the police for aid in the search.

Smith received quite a large sum in settlement of his claim on the Fair estate and immediately gave away his bake shop in Newmarket. He took up automobiling and other sports, changing entirely his mode of life. When he left home Monday he told his wife to expect him back for lunch. His failure to return alarmed the family as he carried a large sum of money. No trace of his movements could be found for several days, but it has been learned that he told one of his intimates he intended going to Boulder, Col., and later to California, thence around the world to Paris and New York. Although he is said to have boarded a west bound train at Plainfield this story is not taken seriously by the family, who believe Smith has met with foul play.

FOUND IN DENVER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—William B. Smith, the brother of the late Mrs. Charles L. Fair, and one of the claimants to the Fair estate, who was supposed to have been missing from his home in Newmarket, N. J., has turned up in Denver.

A telegram from Denver announces that Smith arrived there and had gone on to Boulder, to consult his brother, Charles S. Smith, regarding an offer of settlement which has been made recently by the attorneys for Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Mrs. Herman Oelrichs.

TO MERGE INTERESTS.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 26.—The continental Exploration company is the name under which a new corporation will be formed here immediately for the merging of the mining interests in Colorado and Arizona of William Ryan of New York and his business associates and the interests of several Californians. It is said that Ryan will be president of the new corporation. Many of the properties concerned are operated by individual companies in a number of which Ryan is the controlling figure. It is said that combined properties are valued at $5,000,000.

HEAVY PAYMENTS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. According to statistics compiled by the Journal of Commerce, dividend and interest disbursements to be paid in January next by the leading railroad and industrial companies, local banks, trust companies and traction corporations, also interest payable on the government debt will reach a total of $131,000,000. This sum is about $3,000,000 greater than the payments of January, 1903, but a decrease compared with the semi-annual payments in July last, which were $136,000,000, the highest on record.

Interest payments by railroads would have shown a much heavier increase had it not been for what seems to be a general effort to make payments on new issues fall due at some other season of the year, this undoubtedly being to avoid disturbance to the money market.

WHISKEY GONE

SECOND THIEF WAS THE BEST OWNER.

LYNN, Dec. 26—Officers Brady and Breau of Lynn, while patrolling their beats in that city Christmas eve encountered three men carrying a keg of beer. The officers had been informed at headquarters that 35 pints of rock and rye whiskey had been stolen from Edward Heberman's wholesale liquor store, and they concluded that the men with the keg of beer might be implicated. They watched the men and saw them go into a dwelling on High rock. The officers followed the men into the house, and the first thing they saw was the stolen rock and rye. They placed the three men under arrest, and confiscated the whiskey and the keg of beer.

They undertook to take the men and the beer and whiskey at the same time but on the way to the police telephone box they found that they had their hands full arresting the men, and so concluded to leave the liquor and the beer on a stone wall on Essex street, intending to return and get it after they had sent their three prisoners to the station.

It only consumed about ten minutes to get the patrol wagon at the nearest police telephone box and hand the prisoners over to the officer in charge of it, but during this brief space of time, somebody came along, and seeing the beer and the whiskey stacked up on the stone wall concluded that Santa Claus had been exceedingly kind to him, and took the stolen goods home with him. When the officers returned for the liquor and found it gone they went in search of it, but failed to find it.

GOVERNOR ODELL

May Not Call on Senator Platt

THE LATTER FEELS SAFE AS A LEADER

Says He Cannot be Deposed

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—After returning from a theatrical performance yesterday afternoon, Senator Platt was in such a jubilant mood that many of his friends who saw him in the Fifth Avenue hotel were moved to remark that he seemed several years younger than when they visited him a few days ago. His good spirits were taken, too, as an indication that he felt the conference which he will hold today and next week with the republican leaders who will visit him at his invitation will place him in so fortified a position that he will be enabled to resist vigorously the endeavors of Gov. Odell to oust him from the state leadership.

The invitations were sent to more than 50 prominent republicans, and responses have been received by the senator from most of them. But from Gov. Odell, who was one of the first to be asked to visit the senator, no reply has been forthcoming, and it is not known if he will answer in person. Many of the governor's friends believe he will pay no attention to the request, which, they say, he views in the light of an effort on the part of Senator Platt to show to the public that he still is the head of the party in New York and is ready to struggle to retain that supremacy.

There will be no set conference, and the talk will be purely informal. All the leaders will not meet the senator at the same time. Some may come to this city today, but the majority are not expected to drop into the Fifth Avenue hotel before next week, and Senator Platt will be ready to receive them until he leaves for Washington on Jan. 4. The subjects to be discussed will be the republican situation in the various counties, as well as what may be done to bring the party into line in the whole state so a good showing may be made in the next presidential election; the composition of the senate and assembly committees for the next session, and the legislation which is to be undertaken.

Senator Platt smiled blandly when he was asked what were the relations between President Roosevelt and himself.

"We are on the most friendly terms imaginable," he replied, "and between the president and the republican organization in this state there is no friction, but on the contrary all is most harmonious."

While he did not say so, this assertion was taken as implying his belief that the delegation from this state to the republican convention would be pledged to advocate the renomination of President Roosevelt. As it has been hinted frequently that Senator Platt is inclined to give his support to Timothy L. Woodruff as the next candidate for governor, he was asked if he believed Mr. Woodruff could carry the state should he be nominated.

"Mr. Woodruff and I always have been friends," he replied, "and he has a great many elements of strength."

THIRD MARRIAGE

THIS AGED COUPLE HAVE COURAGE.

HOLYOKE, Dec. 26—Mrs. Orilla Lee, 62, mother of Deputy Sheriff Laduke, and Peter Martin, 69, of Chicopee Falls, were quietly married yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. Laduke. This is the third marriage for each of the contracting parties and their wedding, although unostentatious, was the cause of many congratulations. They will make their home at Chicopee Falls.

ONE MAN DEAD

Free Fight Among Italian Laborers

ONE MAN WAS PLACED UNDER ARREST

Desperate Battle in a Shanty

RUMFORD FALLS, Me., Dec. 26.—One man is dead and another may die as a result of a free fight among a gang of Italian laborers who occupied a little shanty on the line of the Phillips and Rumford Falls railroad, about a mile and a half from this village. The dead man is Carlo Vello, and Francisco Nicolozzo, who has a fractured skull, is under arrest charged with causing his death.

Although the affair occurred during Thursday night it did not become generally known here until today when it was announced that Vello had died at the hospital during the night. When officers were called to the place during Thursday night they found Nicolozzo barricaded in the shanty holding off half a dozen of his fellows who were attempting to revenge an assault upon Vello who was lying apparently dead, nearby. Every window in the building had been broken. The men told the officers that Nicolozzo had stabbed Vello with a hunting knife during an altercation in the shanty. He was placed under arrest and brought here, while Vello was taken to the hospital. It was later learned that Nicolozzo had a fractured skull, and his condition is believed to be critical. Vello died during the night.

TERRIBLY BURNED

DOCTOR TRIED TO SAVE OLD BOTTLE.

NORWICH, Conn., Dec. 26—In an endeavor to save an old bottle, Dr. David Getchell, house surgeon at the Backus Hospital in this city, was terribly hurt yesterday. In looking over some old bottles in the laboratory, in company with Dr. Barnes, he discovered a bottle of unknown acid which had been long standing there. He started to throw the bottle and all away, but then thought he would preserve the bottle. In pouring the liquid out, it exploded, and the glass and acid filled his eyes.

The physicians attending him were handicapped in the application of an antidote as it was not known what acid was in the bottle. It is believed that Dr. Getchell will not lose his eyesight.

SNOW IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, Dec. 26—A heavy northeast snow storm set in here today. At 9 o'clock the snow ceased for a short time, but fell again in large flakes and descended both thick and fast. The wind which blew in from the sea at the rate of twenty miles an hour increased in velocity as the day advanced and carried the snow in gusts through the streets. The weather bureau's observations on the conditions were to the effect that the storm would not be of long duration.

COLDEST YET.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 26.—The thermometer today registered 17, the coldest of the winter, a drop since yesterday of 35 degrees.

CLEARING HOUSE BANKS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of this city for the five days of this week shows:

Loans increased, $13,522,000; deposits increase, $17,631,700; circulation decrease, $721,700; legal tenders decrease, $467,000; specie increase, $3,264,800; reserve increase, $2,557,900; reserve required increase, $1,408,650; surplus, $12,574,625; decrease, $1,450,575; ex-United States deposits, $21,768,050; decrease, $1,446,000.

RETURN TO WORK

Strike Result of Misunderstanding

VALLEY FALLS, R. I., Dec. 26—Upon learning that their recent strike was decided upon through a misunderstanding of conditions the weavers of the Kinshon cotton mills decided to return to work and the plant will be reopened on Monday next.

On account of a demand on the part of the brokers in New York with whom the company did business there was a request made to have the cuts of cloth lengthened from 67 yards to 70 and 80 yards. The operatives labored under the impression that this addition to the length of the cut meant extra labor for them, for which there was no proportional compensation in sight.

About the same time that the change took place the 10 per cent. reduction in wages went into effect and together made things take upon a gloomy appearance.

The operatives finally left their work and remained out. Superintendent Rounds has just thrown new light on the difficulty. He has informed the strikers that they will not have to do extra work and the weavers have informed him that they will return on Monday.

FIANCE KILLED

MISSS BENNETT HEARS BAD NEWS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—Lillian Bennett, who was to have met here and married Ambrose Good of Newcastle, Pa., who lost his life in the railroad accident at Connellsville, Pa., Wednesday night, arrived yesterday on the steamship Cedric from Liverpool and was informed at quarantine of her lover's death. Miss Bennett, who has been worrying because of the delay of a day in the vessel's arrival would cause a postponement of the wedding until tomorrow, was grief stricken over the news. As she came over in the steerage and has neither friends or relatives here, she must under the law, be returned to England.

BOLD ROBBERS

HAVE BEEN AT WORK IN PAWTUCKET.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 26—A series of holdups within the past 24 hours have served to create a decided feeling of uneasiness among the residents of this city and has spurred the authorities to redouble their efforts to prevent such occurrences.

George A. Baka, proprietor of the largest confectionery store in the city, reports that while on his way home, after closing his store at midnight, although accompanied by two of his clerks, he was held up near St. Mary's cemetery by five highwaymen, who demanded his money, of which he had several hundred dollars on his person.

Mr. Baka, who is a very large and powerful man, resisted the robbers' demand, and after a fight lasting 15 minutes he and his clerks succeeded in beating off their assailants, who escaped in the darkness.

Miss Edith Bennett, 17 years old, reported yesterday that she was accosted on Coyle avenue Thursday night by a man who demanded what money she had about her, but her screams frightened him away.

A similar story was told by Miss Sarah Cullen, the hold-up in her case occurring on Prospect street. The man was frightened by her shouts and the approach of passersby, and made his escape without securing any money.

The grocery store of S. R. Jette was entered by thieves during the night and a quantity of fruit, cigars and other articles carried away.

DR. ANDERSON DEAD.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 26—Dr. Jerome Anderson, prominent in the San Francisco branch of theosophical society and president of the federation of branches of the theosophical societies of the Pacific coast, is dead here.

Two of his best known books are "Reincarnation" and "Karma, or the Law of Cause and Effect."

MERCANTILE PAPER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—Close—Prime mercantile paper nominal at 5½@6 per cent.

Sterling exchange nominal with bankers' bills at 480.90@481 for demand and at 483.95@484 for 60 days; posted rates, nominal at 481½@2 and 485@½.

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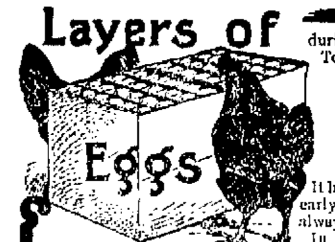

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Physicians pronounce drunkenness a disease of the nervous system, creating a morbid craving for a stimulant. Continued indulgence in whiskey, beer or wine eats away the stomach lining and stupefies the digestive organs, thus destroying the digestion and ruining the health.

"ORRINE" permanently removes the craving for liquor by acting directly on the affected nerves, restoring the stomach and digestive organs to normal conditions, improving the appetite and restoring the health. No sanitarium treatment necessary—simple, inexpensive, harmless and sure. Can be given secretly if desired. We will refund the money if it fails.

Mr. E. T. Sims, Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: "Use my name as a 20 year drunkard restored to manhood and health by four boxes of 'ORRINE.' It is a wonderful and marvelous cure for the drink habit."

Mrs. E. Wycliff, New York city, writes: "'ORRINE' cured my husband, who was a steady drunkard for many years. He now has no desire for stimulants, his health is good and he is fully restored to manhood. He used only five boxes of 'ORRINE.'"

Mrs. W. L. D., Helena, Mont., writes: "I have waited one year before writing you of the permanent cure of my son. He took sanitarium treatment, as well as other advertised cures, but they all failed until we gave him 'ORRINE.' He is now fully restored to health and has no desire for strong drink."

Mrs. U. L. R., Kansas City, Mo., writes: "I am satisfied that drunkenness is a disease and the worst in the world. 'ORRINE,' in my opinion, will cure any case if taken as you direct. I was a common drunkard for 20 years, but today I am free of any desire for liquor. You have found the specific. God bless you!"

Mr. A. E. L., Atlanta, Ga., writes: "I was born with a love of whiskey and drank it for 32 years. It finally brought me to the gutter, homeless and friendless. I was powerless to resist the craving and would steal and lie to get whiskey. Four boxes cured me of all desire and I now hate the smell of liquor."

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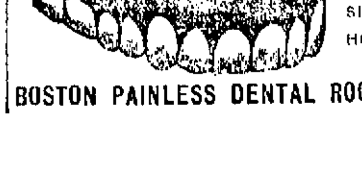

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THREE DROWNED

Dredge General Poe Sunk in Boston Harbor

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—During the heavy snowstorm today the dredge General Poe, owned by the Breyman Brothers' Dredging Co., in tow of the tug Minot J. Wilcox, sprang a leak and sank in the harbor carrying down with her three out of the 13 men on board. The drowned men are:

Geo. W. Coombs of Saugus, inspector for the company; Wm. O'Neil, member of the crew; —— Jones, deckhand.

The seriously injured were: William Robbins, cook on dredge; Peter Bradley, member of the crew.

The accident to the General Poe happened about midway between Deer Isle light and Nixs Mate. On account of the storm the dredge abandoned her work further out in the harbor and was passing in towed by the tug Minot J. Wilcox. The first that those on board the tug knew that something was wrong was when the hawser by which the dredge was being towed snapped in two. In the blinding snowstorm the crew of the tug could see but a short distance, but it was evident to them that the dredge had sunk and that in going down the hawser had been parted. A boat was lowered at once to go to the rescue. Meanwhile as it was afterwards learned the crew of the General Poe had an unenviable experience. Without warning the dredge sprang a leak and the water which poured in through the seam which soon opened up, filled all the lower compartments with water. Not all of the 13 men on board had warning enough to permit them to escape. Coombs, O'Neil and Jones who were below, were drowned by the water which rushed in upon them. The remaining 10 men on board realizing that they must swim if they were to save themselves jumped into the water and made their way to the scow which in turn was being towed by the dredge and which was some 70 feet astern. Eight of them succeeded in reaching the scow after an icy swim. The other two, Robbins and Bradley, were injured in jumping from the dredge into the water. Robbins was almost unconscious but he succeeded in grasping some floating wreckage and was later picked up by the boat from the Minot J. Wilcox.

Bradley after swimming vaguely about sometime reached a planking to which he clung until rescued by the tug Pallas which was passing. Soon afterward the eight men who had reached the scow were taken off by the Minot J. Wilcox and all were brought to the city. Robbins and Bradley were taken to the hospital. It was stated that their condition is not necessarily dangerous.

The General Poe lies in the harbor with her derrick rigging protruding from the water. She is a danger to navigation at that point.

Members of the Breyman Brothers' Dredging Co. said that the dredge will be probably raised and repaired. As soon as the party arrived at the city arrangements were made to try to recover the bodies of the drowned men.

MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH

NEW YORK, DEC. 26.—WHILE LOWERING A STONE CAISSON INTO A SUBWAY, WHICH IS BEING CONSTRUCTED IN SOUTH BROOKLYN, TODAY THE STONE CRUMBLED, KILLING ONE MAN OUTRIGHT AND INJURING THREE OTHERS.

BOSTON POLICE

Not Certain About Moody Merrill's Death

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—An effort will be made at once by the Boston police to verify the report that Moody Merrill, the former Boston financier, is dead at Silver City, N. M. If District Attorney Stevens learns positively that Merrill is in fact dead, the indictment against him which charges embezzlement of funds entrusted to him, will be placed on file because of the death of the defendant.

Last Wednesday, the day before the report of Merrill's death was received Isaac B. Rich and Mr. Cellus Coggan, bondsmen for Merrill, filed a motion in the superior court asking for a continuance of the civil action brought against them by the commonwealth on account of Merrill's disappearance, until they had a reasonable opportunity to secure the arrest of the fugitive. They stated in their motion that they had obtained information that day which indicated to them the whereabouts of Merrill and that they were about to take steps to have him arrested and surrendered. No action was taken on this motion and it is understood will not be until the officials verify the report of Merrill's death. If it should appear conclusively that Merrill is deceased the court will have to pass upon the question whether his sureties shall surrender any money to the commonwealth.

ITALIAN CRUISER

HAS BEEN ORDERED TO SAIL TO JAPAN.

ROME. Dec. 26.—Owing to the complications in the far east, the Italian armored cruiser Vetter Pisani will sail shortly for Nagasaki, Japan.

HIGH WIND PREVAILED.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 26.—The first real blizzard of the winter is reported from various points in Ohio to have prevailed last night and today. In this city the wind reached a velocity of 52 miles an hour, while a heavy blinding snow fell to a depth of several inches. During the past 4 hours the weather bureau thermometer has dropped 32 degrees or nearly to the zero mark. Railroad traffic is delayed.

EXCHANGES AND BALANCES.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Exchanges $19,727,836; balances $1,181,467.

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Disastrous Fire Broke Out in Salem

SALEM, Mass., Dec. 26.—The entire fire department of Salem was summoned during the height of the storm this afternoon to a brisk fire in a three-story wooden factory building in the centre of the leather district. As a strong wind prevailed and there were many wooden buildings in the vicinity assistance was summoned from Peabody.

Immense quantities of water were poured into the burning structure and the firemen were enabled to confine the flames to the property. The building which was ruined, was occupied by John J. Connelly and Co., and the D. W. Ford company, both shoe manufacturers. The loss is estimated at $15,000.

The fire was caused by a lamp explosion in the Ford company's rooms. Mr. Ford was badly burned about the face and body and ran into the street with his clothing on fire. A citizen named Patrick Murphy seized Mr. Ford and rolled him in the snow, extinguishing the flames. Ford's condition is not serious.

The building is owned by Patrick Creedon. The upper part of the structure was burned out entirely and the lower floors practically ruined by water. The loss is covered by insurance.

STEAMER SUNK

All On Board Were Rescued

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The Clyde steamer Kiowa, inward bound from Jacksonville, Fla., and Charleston, S. C., was rammed and sunk by the steamer Admiral Dewey of the United Fruit company, in Boston harbor today. All on board the Kiowa numbering 30 persons, were rescued by the tug Cormorant.

MAJOR McDOWELL DEAD.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Major Malcolm McDowell, widely known as an iron and steel expert, is dead at the age of 75 years. He was the youngest brother of the late Gen. Irving McDowell who commanded the federal troops at the first battle of Bull Run. Maj. McDowell was an aide de camp on his brother's staff during the battle. Deceased was an intimate friend of Generals Grant, Sherman and Logan and of President Rutherford B. Hayes.

BRIBERY CASE HEARD.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 26.—The hearing of William F. McKnight and ex-Senator George B. Nicholson on the charge of subordination of perjury at the first trial of ex-City Attorney Lant K. Salsbury for bribery in connection with the Lake Michigan water deal, was begun today in police court. If the men are held to the superior court they will have separate trials.

J. Boyd Pantlind was the first witness. He was asked to describe the parlor on the second floor of a hotel of which he is the proprietor and where the plot to influence certain witnesses in the Salsbury case is alleged to have been conceived.

Dr. C. H. Kelle followed J. Boyd Pantlind and shortly after being called to the stand court adjourned.

POSTAL RATES REDUCED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Consul General Gudger at Panama has notified this government that the republic of Panama has reduced its postal rates 50 per cent.

Mr. John J. Starr, class of '02, L. H. S., now a student at St. Charles college, Ellicott City, Md., is visiting his parents on Union street for a few days.

TRADE TREATY

China Urged to Ratify It at Once

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The situation in the east has caused the officials of the state department to renew their efforts to secure for the United States from China and Korea certain necessary trade advantages as embodied in the Chinese commercial treaty and in Minister Allen's demands upon the Korean government, before the crisis becomes more acute. It is realized that should hostilities break out between Russia and Japan, the resulting peace treaty would leave the United States and other neutral nations entirely outside the pale of advantage in Manchuria and Korea, no matter which way the tide of victory turned. Therefore the state department is bringing pressure to bear upon the Chinese court to insure the speedy ratification of the trade treaty and as other nations have indirectly been given to understand in this negotiation it is hoped that final ratifications of the treaty may be exchanged in Washington within three months at the outside. This will result in the opening to the United States of the trade of the ports of Antung and Moukden Manchuria. Across the river from Antung in Korean territory, lies Wiju and the state department has prompted Mr. Allen at Seoul to renew his pressure upon the Korean government to secure the opening of that port to trade.

BOYS DROWNED

Brothers Broke Through Thin Ice

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 26.—Fred and Max Graven, brothers, aged 12 and 13 years respectively, were drowned in the Woonasquatucket river at Lymansville at about noon today. The boys were two of a party of four who were hunting with air rifles on the banks of the river, and the Graven boys started to cross the river on the ice and had reached the centre of the river when the thin ice broke and the lads were precipitated into the freezing water. Attempt were made by men nearby to rescue the boys, but their attempts proved futile on account of the frailness of the ice. The companions of the boys then pushed a boat from the shore to the centre of the stream and finally after an hour's work succeeded in recovering the unconscious bodies of both boys. All chance of resuscitation, however, was gone.

LIABILITIES OF $175,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—At a meeting of the creditors of J. T. Smith & Co., carriage manufacturers, today, there was a statement made placing the liabilities of the assigned company at $125,000, of which amount $83,000 is said to be secured by real estate. The assets available for the unsecured creditors consist principally of about 200 carriages and sleighs at the factory in Roxbury.

MORTALITY OF LOWELL

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 26, 1903.

Population 101,959, total deaths 26, deaths under five 4, infectious diseases 1, acute lung diseases 4, diphtheria 1.

Death rate 13.26 against 16.83-12.29 for previous two weeks.

Infectious diseases reported: Typhoid fever 1, scarlet fever 4, diphtheria 6, measles 1.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

ALLEGED BURGLARS

TWO OF THEM PLEADED GUILTY AND WILL BE SENTENCED LATER.

SKOWHEGAN, Me., Dec. 26.—When the four alleged burglars who led the Somerset county officers a six days' chase through northern Maine a few weeks ago were arraigned in the county court here today Maynard and Fred Reynolds of New Hampshire entered a plea of guilty and were remanded for sentence later in the term. John H. Nutting and George Caville, the two captured during the early stage of the chase, pleaded not guilty. They will be put on trial next week.

MORE COLD WEATHER EXPECTED.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26.—The minimum temperature here today was 19, a fall of 37 degrees in the last 24 hours. An additional fall in temperature is forecasted for tonight, the cold wave reaching to the south Atlantic and gulf states.

RETURNS TO CUBA.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 26.—Archbishop Chapelle sailed today for Cuba, whence he came to take part in the ceremonies of the Louisiana transfer celebration. At the archbishopric nothing was known of the report from Rome that the archbishop was contemplating a visit there.

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The statement of Mr. J. F. Homan, 20 E. Adams St., Chicago, proves that the worst cases of Asthma in the world are not only relieved, but are readily cured by Dr. Schiffmann's Asthma Cure. He says: "Asthma kept me in terrible misery for ten years until I used your Asthma Cure. After the first trial I was a changed man. I went to sleep that night and awoke next day much relieved and I have gotten entirely over the Asthma. It is now nine years since I was cured."

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NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Three alarms of fire were sent in today for a fire which partially destroyed the four-story building at Seventh avenue and 52d street, known as the West Side Lyceum or Adelphi hall. While this fire was burning, fire broke out in a large apartment house on Columbus avenue near 68th street, four alarms being sent in on this account. The loss on the first fire was about $60,000. Three apartment houses were badly damaged in the second fire which broke out in the basement and spread up the air shafts of all the buildings, causing heavy loss on each floor. The difficulties of the firemen in fighting the first fire were augmented by the bursting of several lines of hose and the cutting of others by engines going to the second fire. The water froze in the streets making it almost impossible for the engines to mount the slight hill at this point. Two firemen stationed inside the Lyceum building were overcome and carried out unconscious and there was a report that another fireman, Hugh Joyce, was killed by the falling of the roof. This was not confirmed. The occupants of the burned buildings, escaped safely.

COMMITTED SUICIDE

BECAUSE HE DID NOT GET A CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Disappointed because his relatives and friends in Germany apparently forgot to send him any Christmas presents, this year, John Sweetz, 40 years old, a baker, committed suicide by inhaling gas in his room in a hotel here today.

VANDERBILT'S GIFT.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 26.—Alfred G. Vanderbilt today handed $200 in gold to Supt. Frank E. Rowell of the Newport & Fall River street railway for distribution among the motormen and conductors of the road. Each man received $5.

EXCHANGES AND BALANCES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Exchanges $236,671,721; balances $11,120,466.

For the week: Exchanges $1,006,351,989; balances $45,564,609.

GOING TO PANAMA.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 26.—A detachment of 97 men in charge of Capt. William Hopkins and Lieut. Kilgorge from the naval academy marine barracks left here this morning for Philadelphia to join the U. S. Dixie for duty with the Panama battalion.

ADMIRAL WHITE'S FUNERAL.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 26.—The funeral services over the remains of the late Rear Admiral Edwin White, U. S. N., retired, were held at the naval academy chapel today, after which the interment took place in the naval cemetery. The escort was composed of the marine battalion and a detachment of seamen accompanied by the naval academy band.

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From Late Editions Saturday

SANTA BURNED

His Wig Caught Fire in Lawrence

A Christmas party at the residence of Alexander Taylor, 64 Osgood street, Lawrence, Thursday evening, resulted rather disastrously for David A. Taylor, one of the sons, who was impersonating Santa Claus and giving out the presents to the large number of children who were present.

As he was reaching for a gift on the tree his beard and wig caught fire from one of the candles and before the blaze could be extinguished he was terribly burned about the face and hands. There was some excitement at the time but it was allayed by the coolness of the older ones present and attention was turned toward relieving Mr. Taylor's sufferings.

Dr. William V. Grant was summoned and dressed the burns but it will be several days and possibly weeks before the injured man will be able to attend to his duties.

No other damage resulted from the fire, but the party was broken up rather abruptly.

NARROW ESCAPE

Nashua Man Had a Close Call

Geo. Sanderson, residing in Nashua, who travels for a hardware firm in Pennsylvania, had a narrow escape from being badly hurt in front of the Merrimack street depot this afternoon. He was driving down Merrimack street in a sleigh and when in front of the depot his horse got frightened at a snow plough which was going into Dutton street.

At the sight of the plough the horse shied and being close to the curbing dumped the sleigh over, throwing Mr. Sanderson out, and the horse started to run, but he got no further than Shattuck street when he was stopped by a bystander. Luckily Mr. Sanderson expected to get thrown out of the sleigh when the horse started to shy and was prepared for it and escaped without injury.

RAILWAY COMPANY ALERT.

In anticipation of a big snowstorm the street railway company put out a good number of their plows today and have kept them going over the different lines in order that the snow will not get too deep on the rails. After the plow goes over the line the rails are well sanded and though quite a little snow has fallen the cars are running on good time.

HOW OLD IS ANN

Michael Redican the Lucky Man

Michael Redican, a member of the Lowell Cadet band, and residing at 169 Broadway, has been declared the winner of the Merrimack Clothing Co.'s guess prize and is entitled to $25 worth of clothing at that store.

Last Saturday morning the guessing contest was opened by the Merrimack Clothing company. They found a new Ann and they wanted to know how old she was. The company found out Ann's age to a day. The age, 25 years, 7 months, 3 weeks, 5 days, 11 hours, and 15 minutes was written on a piece of paper, carefully sealed and deposited in a vault in the Lowell Trust company. The season of guessing lasted from Saturday morning until Thursday at midnight, and the total number of guesses figured up to over 1100, ranging from nine days to 145 years.

Mr. Redican guessed that the Merrimack Clothing company's Ann was 25 years, 7 months, 3 weeks, 4 days and 5 hours, guessing within 1 day, 6 hours and 15 minutes of her correct age. Mr. Redican was notified by Manager Daniel S. O'Brien to call and receive $25 worth of clothing. Other closes guesses were:

H. S. Pihl, 31½ Lundberg street, 25 years, 6 months, 3 weeks, 4 days, 3 hours; Sarah Dallagher, 69 West Third street, 25 years, 6 months, 3 weeks, 2 hours; Pauline H. Kidder, 1 Spaulding street, 25 years, 6 months, 2 weeks, 7 days, 3 hours; Mollie Bradley, Billerica, 25 years, 8 months, 2 weeks, 10 days, 7 hours; Miss L. Osgood, 27 Hastings street, 25 years, 3 months, 2 weeks, 3 days, 1 hour; Geo. H. Hart, 788 Broadway, 25 years, 8 months, 2 weeks, 4 days, 5 hours.

AVERY WANTED

THE BOSTON POLICE ARE ANXIOUS TO FIND HIM.

Supt. Moffatt has received from the police of Boston a circular containing a photograph and description of Samuel P. Avery, who is accused of the larceny of about $10,000 from the Midland Oil company, whose office is at 24 Oliver street.

Avery was New England agent of the company and had been in its employ three years. He disappeared about a month ago, but the fact was not made public, as the police were in hopes of getting a clew to his whereabouts. He lived with his family in Winthrop Center.

DIED OF HEART FAILURE.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 26.—Rev. Geo. Edward Street, D. D., pastor emeritus of the Congregational church at Exeter, N. H., died at the home of his son-in-law, Rev. W. W. Ranney of the Park church, today, of heart failure. He came here yesterday on a visit. He was widely known for his historical writings and as a corporate member of the American board of commissioners of foreign mission. Born in Cheshire, this state, in 1835, he was graduated from Yale in 1858 and from Andover Theological seminary five years later. His ordination that year was at Wiscasset, Maine, from which place he went to Exeter, N. H., in 1871. Dartmouth gave him his degree of doctor of divinity. The funeral services will be at Exeter, next Wednesday.

TWO MEN KILLED

Trains Collided at Williamstown, Ky.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 26.—Two persons were killed and six injured in a rear-end collision at Williamstown, Ky., on the Cincinnati Southern railway today. A wrecking train that was backing up from Mason, Ky., was met by a freight train. The relief car and two cabooses on the wrecking train were wrecked and afterward took fire. The cars burned so quickly that two workmen perished. Six others who were asleep in the relief car were badly injured.

A NEW PRESIDENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—L. F. Loree, president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company, will January 1 next become president of the Rock Island company, which controls the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway system at a recount meeting of the directors when Mr. Leeds tendered his resignation. The latter will continue as a member of the Rock Island company's executive committee.

WANTS IMMEDIATE TRIAL.

SKOWHEGAN, Me., Dec. 26.—Alexander Theriault, once convicted of the murder of Mathias Pare at Asquith and granted a new trial, which was stopped by reason of the illness of a juror, through his counsel has appealed to County Attorney Gower for immediate trial.

COLLEGE MAKES ASSIGNMENT.

ALBERT LEA, Minn., Dec. 26.—The trustees of Albert Lea college have made an assignment for the benefit of creditors of the college. The liabilities are about $9000 and the assets five times as much including school buildings, residence property, etc. C. H. Freeman is assignee. The downfall was brought about in part by friction between Albert Lea college and MacAlister college, another Presbyterian state school.

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TROOPS TO COREA

Japan Decides to Send Out a Strong Force

PARIS, Dec. 26—It was learned in authoritative quarters today that Japan is about to send a large military force to Corea for the purpose of restoring and maintaining order at the disturbed points. The departure of this force is imminent. It will probably consist of a division of 15,000 men.

Japan has been assured that Russia will not consider the sending of troops to Corea to be an unfriendly act or a casus belli.

It is anticipated that the departure of the troops will revive the war rumors.

During the recent exchange of communications between Russia and Japan the former fully recognized the need of the presence of a strong military authority in Corea and conceded that Japan was in the best position to promptly send troops to the disturbed districts.

The sending of the troops, nevertheless, is construed as having an important bearing on the present negotiations, as it will be the first conspicuous evidence of Japan's actual exercise of paramount authority over Corea. It is further said in the same quarters that the preparations for this expedition were the cause of the recent great activity at the Japanese arsenals and dockyards, which it is asserted has been erroneously ascribed to preparations against Russia.

Information has also been received here that Foreign Minister Lamsdorf has personally received Japan's reply and that in view of its terms he is said to have expressed surprise at the reports of Japan's belligerent attitude. This, it is added, is regarded as clearly showing the amicable spirit in which the negotiations are proceeding.

CONDEMNED MAN

Created Another Scene in Prison

AUBURN, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Frank White, the Oswego murderer, who is sentenced to die next Tuesday, has created another scene in the corridor for the condemned. Bedstead, chair, closet and an electric light bulb were all torn asunder amid the most horrible cursing ever heard even by the prison men. Fragments with the exception of one iron leg of the bedstead, were hurled at the guards. White kept the leg as a weapon and dared anybody to come near him.

Warden Mead and four keepers were summoned to the scene and several volunteers offered to enter the cell and subdue the prisoner. The warden would not permit any chances to be taken and ordered the hose turned on the prisoner. It required fifteen minutes application of the cold water cure before White weakened and then Keeper Bates entered the cell and sprang upon him. The others also rushed in and succeeded in handcuffing him. He was removed to another cell. Prison officials think White is feigning insanity.

RIOT AND ANARCHY

SAID TO EXIST IN SAN DOMINGO.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Clyde line steamer New York arrived today from San Domingo having been subjected to considerable delay in loading and discharging cargo at ports of the revolution swept island.

Cabin passengers on board said that the whole country was in a turmoil of riot, anarchy and revolution within revolution. Communication between ports, they said, was suspended and telegraph wires were down. At Porto Plata, the home of Morales, the people were his ardent supporters, it was reported, until he went to San Domingo city when a strong Jiminez party developed. It was said that Morales would send the war vessels to bombard the town to put down the revolt.

JIMINEZ' MEN

ARE MARCHING ON THE CITY OF SAN DOMINGO.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—United States Minister Powell reports to the state department under yesterday's date from San Domingo city, confirming the cable announcement that the town of Macoris has pronounced in favor of Jiminez and adds that troops from that place under the insurgent flag are marching on the city of San Domingo. A great many arrests are being made at the capital but otherwise everything is quiet.

STRIKING BAKERS

SACKED A COOPERATIVE BAKERY IN PARIS.

PARIS, Dec. 26—A band of 50 striking bakers sacked a co-operative bakery during the night. There were several minor strike demonstrations.

The ministry for war has ordered the military bread makers to be in readiness to take the place of strikers in case of a shortage in the public bread supply.

PRESIDENT DIAZ

AGREES TO EXTRADITION OF CHARLES KRATZ.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 26.—A special from the city of Mexico, Mex., says:

The department of foreign relations has informed Judge Rojas of the Guadalajara district court that President Diaz, acting upon the request of the American ambassador and upon hearing the evidence submitted in the case, had conceded to the United States authorities the extradition of Charles Kratz. The department further advised the judge to expect at an early hour a formal order to turn the prisoner over to the United States officers awaiting the decision of the case at Guadalajara. Kratz, who is a former member of the St. Louis city council is wanted in that city for trial on a charge of bribery in connection with street car franchise legislation.

SKULL FRACTURED

WEALTHY DRUGGIST WALKED OUT OF WINDOW.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Charles H. Mohell, a wealthy druggist of this city, 60 years old and almost blind, mistook a window for a door early today and fell from a second story window to the sidewalk fracturing his skull and injuring his spine. He was removed in a dying condition to the hospital.

SIR HARRY BULLARD DEAD.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Sir Harry Bullard, M. P., is dead. He was born in 1841.

FIVE TRANSPORTS

ARE BEING FITTED OUT FOR SERVICE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. War department officials admit that the transports Sumner and McClellan at New York as well as the Sherman, Lufford and Crook at San Francisco, are being fitted out for active service. The two vessels at New York have been in a state of readiness for several weeks but so far no calls have been made for them. It is expected that one of them will be utilized in bringing to the United States the artillery troops now stationed near Havana and at Santiago. Primarily all of those transports are intended for the Manila service.

TRAIN HOLD-UP

STORY STARTED BECAUSE MAN BORROWED TOBACCO.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 26.—The true story of the alleged attempt at holding up the express on the Hartford division of the New Haven road last Wednesday at 2 a.m., near the peat works just north of Meriden, came out today. The original story had it that a man swung a red lantern in front of the engine, but the engineer ignored the warning, threw wide open the throttle, and, as the engine dashed by the spot bandits darted out from the bushes. The four Adams express cars that formed part of the train, and which were heavily loaded with valuable Christmas goods, were thus saved from train robbers, ran the tale.

It was learned by the railroad officials yesterday that the train was 15 minutes late in reaching Meriden. A brakeman ran around to the gate tender to borrow some tobacco, and in answer to the question why the train was late said: "Oh, a couple of men held us up at the peat works." Then the gate tender asked the engineer if it was true, and the engineer, to keep up the joke, said it was. When the train pulled out, the police were informed and then the road sent a detective to Meriden.

GUNBOAT VICKSBURG

HAS BEEN ORDERED TO KOREA BY MR. ALLEN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Rear-Admiral Stirling, temporarily in command of the Asiatic station, cables the navy department announcing the departure of the gunboat Vicksburg today from Shanghai for Chemulpo, Korea, where she has been ordered at the instance of Mr. Allen, the American minister at Seoul. The local riots at Chemulpo recently endangered American life and property and the despatch of a warship was thought necessary.

DOWIE'S DREAM

SAYS CHRIST WILL RETURN TO EARTH.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 26.—"Within the next century Christ will return again to earth to reign 1000 years. I, whom you know to be the prophet Elijah, shall return with him, and that is why I have made all leases in Zion City run for 1100 years. At the end of Christ's reign the earth will smash up, the bad will be burned in hell fire and the good will be called to their reward." Thus spake John Alexander Dowie in a remarkable Christmas sermon, his last sermon before his departure for Australia, to a host of Zionites in Shiloh tabernacle yesterday. Dr. Dowie also exhorted his followers not to lose their faith in him during his coming trip around the world. Dowie also declared that if after he dies, infidels should in any way get hold of Zion lands and carry on their carousals, that he will hasten his return to earth and order them all off the sacred ground, as the title to the land will never pass from him. He says he thinks the pictures painted of Jesus are all wrong, that they show an effeminate face character, but that instead they should show a strong face, strong character, strong physique.

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GAS EXPLOSION

Caused Disastrous Fire in Marietta

MARIETTA, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Early today the finest business block in Marietta, that of the First National bank, was destroyed by fire which started from a gas explosion. It was a five-story structure occupied by the bank, the office of the Standard Oil Co., Dawes Lumber Co., Sarbar Oil Co., and others. The loss to the building is $75,000, fully covered; loss to contents about half as much, insured.

TWO FATALITIES

AS A RESULT OF THE COLD WEATHER.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 26.—The intensely cold weather is responsible for two fatalities. John Weir was frozen to death near Elmwood and George Baumenten of this city was so badly frozen he cannot recover.

BIGGEST IN WORLD

BUILDING IN NEW YORK WILL COST $10,000,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. The tallest building on earth is to be erected on lower Broadway if present plans are carried out. With five stories below the street level, 40 stories high from the entrance to the top floor and surmounted by a 60-foot tower, the gigantic new building will have a total height of 615 feet, making it over twice as high as the Flat Iron building and almost as tall again as the Park Row building which at present holds the record. This building would extend one full block on Broadway and its cost including the site will reach $10,000,000. The land is said to have been secured and the completion of the building within one year is promised.

POLITICAL REPORTER

APPOINTED SECRETARY TO MAYOR-ELECT McCLELLAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—John H. O'Brien, a political reporter on the New York Sun, has been appointed secretary to Mayor-elect McClellan. At the time of the assassination of Pres. McKinley, Mr. O'Brien was the Buffalo correspondent of the Sun, and owing to his work at that time was brought to New York two years ago.

A BLINDING SQUALL.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 26.—A snowstorm of uncommon severity accompanied by a strong gusty wind, visited this section today and after an hour's blinding squall, changed into a more gentle, though steady, downfall. The temperature is not very low though it is cold enough to ensure quite a considerable depth of snow in the outlying districts should the storm continue.

BIDS FOR LOANS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Announcement is made that bids for the new Philippine friars land loan for $7,200,000 will be received up to 3 p. m., Jan. 11, and allotments will be made Feb. 7, 1904.

ITALY RECOGNIZES PANAMA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Acting Secretary of State Loomis has been notified by the Italian embassy that the government of Italy has recognized the new republic of Panama.

MONUMENT TO BENNETT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—Announcement was made today of the purpose of James Gordon Bennett to lay out and adorn a large park to be dedicated to the public use and pleasure in memory of his father, the founder of the Herald. It will lie between the Boulevard, Lafayette and Broadway, north of 18?d street and lands now owned by Mr. Bennett will be devoted to this end. Upon the highest elevation within its boundaries will be reared a monument to James Gordon Bennett, the elder.

U. S. SQUADRONS DISPERSED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26—Orders have been issued for the disposition, during the Christmas holidays of the United States warships assembled off Culebra. The different squadrons have been dispersed among the nearby ports on the Porto Rican coast and the officers and men will have one week's holiday. The vessels will reassemble off Culebra early in January for the winter manoeuvres.

INVESTIGATING CHARGES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26—Indian Inspector Jenkins is at the Colville Indian agency, Washington, investigating charges against Indian Agent A. M. Anderson. The charges included alleged irregularities in vouchers executed sometime ago. There are a number of other charges, including some growing out of religious differences.

CAN ISSUE PASSPORTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The president has delegated to the governor of Hawaii authority to issue passports. This is the only case of a governor being given such authority and the action is taken to meet the exigencies in that quarter.

WANTS A RECEIVER.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 26.—Vice-Chancellor Emery today granted an order for the New Jersey Gelatine Co., of Bound Brook, N. J., to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed, at Newark Jan. 5. The application was made by the B. F. Sturtevant Co., of Boston, to whom the gelatine company, it is claimed, owes about $1,700 for machinery. The company, it is said, also owes $125,000 on a mortgage on its plant and $12,000 for material. The assets are not given.

CHICAGO'S COLD WAVE.

CHICAGO, Dec 26.—With a minimum of eight degrees below zero the crest of a cold wave moving eastward struck Chicago today. Trains in many instances were unable to maintain schedule time. Temperatures close to zero were reported in the west and northwest. Northern Indiana reported eight below, St. Paul 16 below, and Winnipeg 30 below. At Dubuque, Ia., the mercury was 11 below and at Davenport a mark of 12 below was registered.

SHIPPING SUSPENDED.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 26. A heavy northeast snowsquall struck Newport at noon today. The barometer fell rapidly to a low point, indicating that the storm centre was off here. The wind increased in velocity to 30 miles an hour within half an hour. Heavy seas are running outside and all shipping has been suspended.

WANTS HIS PAY

Davies Has Sued Lipton Again

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Not only has history repeated itself in the defeats of Sir Thomas Lipton's attempt to win international yachting laurels, but he is reported to have again landed in hot water with H. Hier Davies, who succeeded David Barrie as the personal representative of the Irish baronet and conducted the details of the last attempt to lift the America's cup. Mr. Davies' troubles are similar to those which aroused comment on both sides of the Atlantic two years ago when Mr. Barrie asserted that Sir Thomas had failed to live up to the financial agreement made between them.

Mr. Davies has sailed for Europe, but before he braved the storms of the western ocean he gave a farewell dinner party to several friends at the Waldorf-Astoria. Among his guests was his successor, J. K. Crowther.

At the dinner Mr. Davies spoke of his disagreement with Sir Thomas and it was asserted that he had severed all connections with the cup-hunter and was sailing for England to place the matter fully before Sir Thomas.

A personal friend of the retiring manager confirmed the report yesterday that Mr. Davies had severed his connection with the Lipton company, believing that he has not been paid enough. Mr. Davies arranged the details for the Reliance-Shamrock races in a manner that drew only commendation from his employer. There was not a hitch in the arrangements. Vessels were chartered, and at one time there were 36 craft of various types in the Lipton fleet. Everything was satisfactory to Sir Thomas, and he complimented Mr. Davies.

Mr. Davies' friends said he had overdrawn his account nearly $1500, and Sir Thomas, in acknowledgment of the fact that the arrangements had cost far less than on any previous attempt, suggested that this amount be charged to the general expense account of the yacht race and agreed further to give a month's vacation to Mr. Davies after the business details, which suffered somewhat during the races, were brought up to date.

This, Mr. Davies alleges, has not been done. He said before he sailed that Sir Thomas promised him a reward far beyond the $1500, but had ignored his request that the matter be settled. For that reason he sent his resignation and started across the ocean to see his former employer. He is said to have declared that he has no doubts of the result of the conference. It was even hinted that Mr. Davies would return to this country as the personal representative of the baronet who will in any future yachting event keep sport and business as far apart as possible.

Neither Mr. Crowther nor any other employe of the Lipton company would talk of the matter today beyond saying that Mr. Davies was no longer connected with the company in any capacity. A clerk in the Pearl street office declared that Mr. Davies has gone to England to marry a very estimable English girl.

Mr. Barrie's claim was for an amount said to be due beyond his $50 a week salary as publicity promoter during the two previous series of races. Mr. Barrie insisted on receiving an amount far in excess of this, which he said was promised him as a bonus. This was denied at the time, and Barrie brought a suit which was settled out of court after he had reached England and had several interviews with Sir Thomas. While Mr. Davies says he will not sue, he is declared to be equally determined.

RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR

GIVEN A GREAT WELCOME TO ROME.

ROME, Dec. 26.—Prince Ouroussoff, the Russian ambassador of Italy, has arrived here. The press welcomes him to Rome and expresses the hope that he will succeed in re-establishing the intimate relations between Russia and Italy which were disturbed by the abandonment of the proposed visit of the czar to Rome, through the advice of the former ambassador of Russia, M. Nelidoff.

CHILD WIFE

WAS DISCHARGED BY THE COURT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—After Magistrate Flanner in Jefferson Market court today declined to recognize a reconciliation between Albert Louis Dasberg, 21 years of age, his 13-year-old bride, who was Aimee May Hedges of Boston, and his mother-in-law and had held the bridegroom in $1000 bail on a charge of abduction, he decided that there was no law to warrant his action in committing a married woman to the care of the Gerry society. The magistrate therefore dismissed the bridegroom and his child wife.

Father Said "Hurrah!"

In a letter from Miss Annie C. Roberts of W. Southport, Me., whose father had taken one bottle of U-ri-cene, the new Rheumatic Cure, she writes: "Father says 'Hurrah,' he feels better. He gets up out of his chair without help and goes out of doors, walking about quite a little. We are certain that U-ri-cene is driving the Rheumatism out of his system."

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If you have a tenement idle that rents for $15 a month, you are losing 50 cents a day every day it is vacant. A little ad. in The Sun "To Let" column will rent your tenement in a very few days. Others have tried it with good results; why don't you try it?

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Corrected to October 12, 1903. Trains leave Merrimack street depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.42, *7.45, *8.50, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.44 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex street station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.28, *6.39, x6.45, w6.50, 7.01, *7.24, 7.31, *7.48, w*8.00, *8.57, w9.35, *9.50, w10.50, 11.05, *11.43 a. m.; w12.05, 12.11, w12.45, 1.44, *1.55, w2.30, x1.03, w*3.15, *3.47, w3.55, 4.24, w5.06, 5.22, x5.43, w*6.15, *6.23, w7.00, 7.23, w9.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 6.29, 7.24, w*8.15, 8.48, 9.50 a. m.; w12.05, w1.15, 4.25, w5.30, 5.58, w8.00 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.50, x7.31, w8.20, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.26, w2.30, w3.55, w5.06, w6.25, w7.00, w9.27, wq11.25 p. m. Sundays, w8.15 a. m.; w12.05, w5.30 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, a2.10, w3.55, w5.06, 6.25 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.06, 6.15, 7.00, 9.25, q11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m.; 12.05, 5.30 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor, Belfast and Rockland, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland,) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland,) Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m.

Last trip of season Oct. 30, 1903.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.48, 11.05 a. m.; 1.44, 4.24 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 4.25, 5.58 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg divisions, 7.07, 11.56 a. m.; 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m.; (3.40 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.40, 6.39 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Hillsboro, 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.39, *10.39, a. m.; *12.09, 1.00, *1.33, 3.40, *5.39, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02 a. m.; 2.00, 6.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *1.33 (to Franklin only,) 5.10, *h8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.,) Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.30 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.39, *10.39 a. m.; 1.39 p. m. (5.39 p. m. to Plymouth); *h9.10, 9.24 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.33, *h9.10 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont line, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *h8.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air line, *10.39 a. m.; *19.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p.m. (daily except Saturdays.

References:

aVia Wakefield Junction.

*Express. hDaily.

qWednesdays and Saturdays only.

wVia Western Division.

xVia Bedford, zVia Wilmington Junc.

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SUN WANTS ARE READ BY EVERYBODY

SPECIAL NOTICES

NOTICE—There will be a special meeting of the Young Men's Catholic Institute this evening to take action on the death of our late brother, John Casey. All members are requested to be present.
Per order,
JAMES S. BURNS, Pres.
WM. CLARK, Sec.

THE FOLLOWING SAYS: That you can get a Doll Carriage, a Go-Cart or a handsome Doll with a pound of Tea or a two pounds of Coffee at Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The two o'clock and five o'clock editions of The Sun are on sale every day at both newsstands in the Union station, Boston.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—An experienced kitchen girl; no washing. 59 Appleton street.

WANTED—A Protestant woman for general housework in family of two. Call 521 Westford street.

WANTED Kitchen girl. 92 John St.

WANTED At once, general housework girl; none but experienced girl need apply. 261 Third street.

WANTED Knitter who thoroughly understands Scott & Williams and Mayo full automatic hosiery machines; must also understand loopers and ribbers; state age, experience and salary expected; position out of town, all applications treated confidentially. Address "Knitter," Sun office.

YOUNG MEN, also ladies, wanted, understand some cooking, waiting on trade; fine lunch room. Reynolds', Palmer St.

WANTED—Smart woman, understands cooking, also waiting on trade, fine lunch room. Apply after 10 a. m. Reynold's, Palmer street.

WANTED—A scrub woman. Apply at Merrimack house.

RULER WANTED—A steady, reliable first class paper ruler can have a life position in a Massachusetts coast city. Bank and corporation work. Man with family preferred. Address box 16, Lowell Sun office.

WANTED—A first class collector; state experience, age and salary expected. Address box 20, Sun office.

WANTED Table girl at Mrs. Coughlin's, 712 Suffolk street.

WANTED

YOUNG LADIES to learn the fastest system of shorthand in 20 lessons; absolutely most complete and up-to-date methods; position guaranteed; lessons by mail exclusively; no interference with regular occupation; 25 cents per lesson; no difficulties; everything simple and clear; indorsed by boards of education and leading newspapers; thousands of graduates; first lesson free for stamps. Department 35 A, Campaign of Education, 211 Townsend bldg, New York.

YOUNG MEN to learn the fastest system of shorthand in 20 lessons; absolutely most complete and up-to-date methods; position guaranteed; lessons by mail exclusively; no interference with regular occupation; 25 cents per lesson; no difficulties; everything simple and clear; indorsed by board of education and leading newspapers; thousands of graduates; first lesson free for stamps. Department 31 A, Campaign of Education, 211 Townsend bldg, New York.

WANTED Job printing outfit; price must be cheap. Address W. A. B., Sun office.

A. O. U. W.—This is important; send your name, age and address to P. O. box 469, Lowell, Mass.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Light-colored terrier dog wearing collar with no name; any information leading to recovery will be rewarded. Thos. M. Davis, 20 Nelson street.

LOST—Lady's fur boa at Lowell Junction Sunday at 6.15 p. m. Reward at 53 Phillips street. Tel. 352-3.

LOST Lady's lace boas between Middle and Central streets Saturday. Return to 192 Central street.

LOST—Somewhere between Race and Lee streets, a wrist bag with pocketbook inside containing $6 in bills. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at 35 Race street.

LOST—Blue beaded purse Thursday between 11 and 12 a. m. Reward at 50 Walker street.

FOUND—On Tewksbury road, a Boston bag containing a pocketbook with small sum of money. Owner can have by calling on C. G. Spaulding, East Billerica.

LOST—A sum of money Sunday between Chestnut street and St. Anne's church. Return to this office and receive reward.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Cheap, on easy terms, the homestead of the late Samuel Greenwood, corner of Hale and Railroad streets, containing 5000 feet of land; well built cottage house in the best of repair; furnace heat, large barn and carriage house; room to put up a large block which would rent at a good profit; also an eight-room cottage house corner of Fay and Potter streets. Inquire at Greenwood Bros., china store, 211 Central street.

MONEY TO LOAN

PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A. Stein, 313 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants and salaried people; easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters, boarding houses, without security; easy payments; largest business in 42 principal cities. Tolman, Room 26, Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinhas, room 9, Barristers hall.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—Housework or take care of children, a good home rather than high wages. Address A. L., Sun office.

WANTED Situation by a steady, experienced woman, housework in city or country. Please call evenings at 5 Fernald street.

WANTED Situation by lady to do light housework; does not object to children. Call 18 Branch street.

BUSINESS CHANCES

GREAT opportunity offered; $5000 for $150, also for $15. For particulars write Acme ... Oil & Coal Co., Seattle, Wash.

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SLEIGH FOR SALE—A second-hand driving sleigh, cheap. Inquire at Goyette's paint shop, 286 Thorndike street.

CANARY BIRDS for sale, Norwich and German, at 117 Dutton street.

FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $300, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—Wood in large or small lots at the lowest possible prices. P. Cogger, 438 Riverside street. Telephone 462-2.

PUPS for sale at Mr. Lynch's, next house to Foster school, Tewksbury Centre.

FOR SALE—Furnished boarding house full of boarders. Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—Carrots for horses by the barrel. C. H. Cutter, 694 Mammoth road, Dracut. Telephone connection.

FOR SALE—Restaurant doing a good business, a good investment; ill health the cause for wishing to sell. Call at 60 Gorham street.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c.; 1½ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 153 Merrimack street.

MISCELLANEOUS

TELEGRAPHY—A new class will open Jan. 1st. Anyone desiring to enter this class should apply to H. L. Whitten, 530 Gorham street.

SKATES Hollow ground, 5c per pair. Morrison's Auto Co., 195-199 Moody street.

WHITE SEWING MACHINES, 376 Bridge St.—The Automatic drop machine is King; it is a real eyeopener; we sell the Queen also; we repair all kinds of sewing machines; give us a call.

HIGHLAND REMNANT STORE, 30 Pine street—We are showing a fine line of mercerized vestings, wash silks, Ottomans, Eddy silks, mercerized cheviots, basket goods, Barnaby ginghams for shirts, waists and suits; no finer line in the city and prices below all reason; there is nothing that will make any better Christmas present than a nice shirt waist; all colors guaranteed and patterns up to date; in fact, everything is the latest.

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2½ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

MRS. ADAMS, clairvoyant and card reader and ladies' employment office. 355 Gorham street, opp. Court house.

W. S. WONG HO, 31 John street—All kinds of teas, children's toys, silks, China ware and fancy goods; low prices.

MADAME LENORE, clairvoyant and card reader, 71 Tyler street. Ladies 25c, gentlemen 50c. Hours 10 a. m. to 12 and 2 to 10 p. m.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack woolen mills. Corner store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

HORSEMEN, ATTENTION—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.00; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Pullen at the Fair Grounds shoeing forge, 564 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass.

PIANO OR ORGAN LESSONS at your home; special pains taken with children or advanced pupils; will accompany any instrument for entertainments; years of experience. Mabel Randall, Chelmsford Centre.

STOVES—New and secondhand, bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 165 Middlesex street.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1128 Bridge street. Telephone.

MUSIC—German zither music furnished at reasonable rates for concerts, dinner parties, church entertainments and home socials. John C. Hansen, Bon Marche studio.

IF YOU WANT your mattresses made over at your home call at 930 Central St.

BUY YOUR HAT at Delorme's, where you can have it cleaned free of charge for one year. Repairing a specialty. 261 Middlesex street.

SAVE MONEY by buying your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co.'s, 150 Gorham St. We will paper your room with gilt paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; also furniture moving done in a careful manner; always big bargains at our store. McGauvran Bros., Merrimack street, opp. City hall.

LADIES Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination used by 20,000 women; price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MOTHERS—Bent's Destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp, prevents falling hair; harmless, 25c. Only at Falls & Burkinshaw's, 418 Middlesex street.

TO LET

TO LET—Large cottage with bath on Coral street, $20; good tenement of six rooms on Chelmsford street, $12; new cottage on Inland street, $14. Apply to A. L. Russell, 407 Middlesex street.

TO LET—New cottage house of seven rooms, bath and barn, on Whiteman St., off Princeton; rent $10. Inquire at 15 Claire street.

FOR RENT In the Highlands, an upstairs flat of five rooms with bath. 178 Stevens street, near corner of Westford. Rent $14.

TO LET—Steam heated rooms, gas and bath. Wellman house, Centralville, 15 W 4th street.

TO LET—Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $6.50; Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $7; Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $4.50; close to Northern depot, 4 rooms, $5.50; Centralville, handy to mills, 3 rooms, $5.50; 5 rooms, $6.50; 5 rooms, $7.50, Concord street, 3 rooms, $5.50, house and barn and 3 acres of land on Hildreth street, $12.50; Chelmsford street, cottage and barn, $8. The above has been made extra snug and warm for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central St.

TO LET—At 108 Butterfield street, furnished room with steam heat, bath and gas; lady preferred; $1.50 per week.

TO RENT—Convenient 4-room tenement for small family. G. P. Walker, 964 Middlesex street.

TO LET One 4-room and one 3-room tenement. Inquire at 81 Chestnut street.

TO LET—Small tenements, 631 Broadway; rent low.

TO LET—Blacksmith shop fully equipped ready for business. Apply at 555 Lincoln street.

TO LET Tenement of 5 rooms with or without barn. 15 Lombard street.

TO LET A desirable house on South Canton street, all modern improvements, steam heat. Inquire at 912 Middlesex St.

TENEMENTS in all parts of the city at all prices; we have several that will make extra warm, sunny homes for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

TO LET—5, 6, 7-room tenements in good repair. 161 Lawrence street.

TWO FRAUDS.

The merchant who would try to sell a pair of shoes without opening the box in which they came from the factory, would be regarded as a fraud and a trickster, and the newspaper which denies to the advertiser all the information he desires in reference to its circulation, must not expect the confidence of its patrons.

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SWORN CIRCULATION FOR NOVEMBER

The sworn daily average circulation of the Lowell Sun for the month of November, 1903, was **14,546** A gain of 1039 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, December 1, 1903.

JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

It seems really absurd and unreasonable, if women are allowed to vote for school committee men at the polls that they are not allowed under the provisions of the Lace law to participate in the caucuses for the nomination of their candidates. We think this is a limitation of their franchise privileges. If they are entitled to vote for the candidates, they should also be entitled to select the nominees for whom they desire to vote on election day. This is a defect in the Lace law which should be remedied right away. We feel upon this question as we have always felt on the question of women suffrage. The main question to determine is do the women want to vote? If they do we never have been in favor of refusing them that privilege or abridging it. They are subject to the laws of the commonwealth and to the observance of municipal regulations. Why they should not be privileged to vote for those who make these laws and regulations we never could see. We do not say it is advisable to have women go into the turmoil of political life, but if they wish to, we do not know of any reason why an intelligent woman cannot vote as well as an intelligent man. On the license question particularly, women should have had a vote long ago. No one is more affected by the saloon than the wives and mothers. If they voted on this question the liquor stores would have been closed many years ago, and the moral condition of society would be greatly improved. Women at least do not make up the crowds of corner loafers and bummers who hang about the streets and sell their votes on election day. They do not form any part of the machinery that is making politics a disgrace, and we do not know but what it is about time for women to enter the political field to purify it. Mrs. Duff of the Boston school board has done more for the schools of Boston and for the purification of school board politics than any one else in the last generation. It would be well for Boston and other cities if there were more women like her in public life. Who knows but all our political evils are waiting for the purifying hand of the new woman?

THE PARK COMMISSION.

We hear many people expressing the fear that the park commission is getting altogether too popular and that it may work upon public sympathy so far as to induce the people to extend its powers even to the departments of streets, roads and bridges. From present indications we should consider this by no means a calamity. It is very near time that our streets, roads and bridges were taken out of the hands of people who imagine that they are the natural prey of every combination of grafters, loafers and politicians that can form a temporary combine for the purpose of robbing the city. If the park commission or any other commission can take hold of our street department and run it as economically and with as good results as the park commission is running our parks and commons it would be pleasing to the citizens of Lowell and would remove a very bothersome factor from the field of local politics. The park commission has done more work and better work for less money than any committee of the city government was ever able to do. We have no doubt they will distinguish themselves still further by improving our park system, relegating the loafers and bummers to the rear and procuring for the city a dollar's worth of labor and material for every dollar expended. If we could do something of this sort in all our city departments we would not be crying out against a high tax rate and the idiotic antics of members of the city council who go to city hall as if armed with a dark lantern, a jimmy, a hammer, a bunch of keys and a little nitro glycerine for the purpose of working on the city treasury vaults and distributing the loot among their political proteges and ward bosses. We do not look upon the prospect of extending the care of our streets to the park commission or any similar commission with anything like fear. Indeed it is almost time to turn the whole affair over to some board or commission that will give us decent streets and roads leading out of the city, something that we have never had and never will have under present methods.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

What is the use of getting up a scare in the cotton industry in Lowell? Our mills are well supplied with cotton and they have orders enough ahead to keep them running for many a long day, and when they run out of cotton they can buy more on the market the same as any other manufacturers. As we said in a previous article, if there is any necessity for curtailment, there is no doubt that the Manufacturers' association will take into consideration the fact that Lowell had an extended period of idleness on account of the strike last spring, and will bring about a curtailment if it is necessary in other parts of New England. Indeed we have the opinion of one of our local manufacturers to this effect, and he feels satisfied that there will be no curtailment in any of the large concerns in this section of the country. It is true our storehouses were well filled at the time of the strike, but the shipments during that period of idleness depleted them so far that it will be many months before they are in the condition which existed prior to the strike. Some people are needlessly nervous over the high price of cotton. They fear that it will result in an increase in the price of goods that will be more than met by foreign competition, but these unthinking persons are not aware of the fact that the bulk of the cotton which is used all over the world is raised in this country, and no manufacturer has yet been able to import cotton from the United States and return the finished product to this market in competition with the home manufacturers. It is plain, therefore, that this imaginary competition is hardly worth considering. The cotton manufacturers of this country are masters of the situation; they have controlled the market for years and will continue to do so until some new source of supply for cotton is discovered.

ELECT POLICE COMMISSIONERS AT THE POLLS.

Why wouldn't it be a good plan to have our police commissioners elected at the polls? We really see no objection to it, and there are many advantages that would accrue by submitting this question to popular vote. It may be argued that this would bring the board of police into politics, but pray when was the board of police ever out of politics? We think it would do away with a great deal of the confusion that is brought about during a mayoralty contest because of the uncertainty as to who will be appointed by the mayor to the board of police. It is simply outrageous to subordinate a mayoralty contest to any such an absurd contingency.

After all, isn't it in line with modern popular ideas to allow the people to select the heads of important departments at the polls? If the people elected their own commissioners, it would relieve the mayor of the city of a big responsibility, and would throw upon the people the burden which of right belongs to them. If they are so anxious to know who will or who will not be elected police commissioner they should settle it for themselves at the polls. We believe the term should be reduced to three years, one commissioner to be elected each year and be subject to the present provisions for his removal in case of incompetency or malfeasance in office. Sooner or later something of this sort will be brought about because of the provoking complications which arise in every municipal contest over the question of the police commissionership.

SEEN AND HEARD

A young lady who received a handsome watch from her beau as a Christmas gift was so delighted with it that while at church Christmas evening she removed the timepiece from its resting place 35 times within an hour and gazed upon it with an expression that almost made her say: "Oh, you dear boy!"

"My watch is sick," said a Billerica lady to a friend who inquired for the time.

"What is the trouble?" inquired the friend.

"It has a pain (pane) in the face," replied the young lady from Billerica.

THEIR MOTHER'S INTEREST.

I know four little tots who were very happy on Christmas day. They were the recipients of a generous supply of nice presents, but that wasn't all. The presence of their mother in the room where the Christmas tree was planted and where the presents were piled high lent an enchantment to the occasion that was far dearer to the children than the presents. She gave up the whole day to them. She played with them, shared their joy and excitement and helped them to feel that the day was real and that the world is made beautiful by affection and good conduct. A toy engine that wouldn't work was the only drawback that the boys met with, and they didn't mind a little thing like that.

STOLE AN OVERCOAT.

Eddie Maguire of the Boston Post visited friends in Lowell about a week ago looking resplendent in a Count Du Laporett overcoat. Eddie's tailor took particular pains with the coat and made of it "one grand garment." The fellows with whom he associated while in the newspaper business in Lowell cast envious glances at Eddie's coat, but subsequent developments went to prove that the coat was safer here than in Boston. Early Tuesday morning Eddie blew into the office of the Post with scoop number 13. He left his overcoat in the Post city room and while he was engaged in painting his scoop William J. Parker, unable to withstand the exquisite beauty of the garment, purloined it, and at 3.30 that morning he was pursued by a fusillade of shots from the revolver of Patrolman Denis J. Casey of station 2. After finishing his two column exclusive Eddie looked for his coat but found it not. Strenuous and thorough was the search but poor Eddie had to give it up for lost.

About 3 o'clock, however, two members of the Post staff recognized the coat on a man who was hanging about Gridley's restaurant. They set a watch on the man while they sent a messenger to Bulfinch place for Eddie.

As the man evidently soon suspected he was being watched he began to slink away and the watchers thought it better to get an officer to hold him.

This was done, and the man was taken to station 2.

Just as Patrolman Casey got him to the door, the man, who was afterwards found to be William J. Parker, suddenly broke away from the officer and ran through City hall avenue and into School street.

Patrolman Casey drew his revolver and fired in the air, shouting, "Stop, or I'll shoot to kill."

Mr. Charles W. Goddard of the Post, who was on the scene, joined in the chase.

Goddard shed his overcoat as he ran, and another Post man, Mr. Gillooley, rescued it, and by sprinting the two were only a few yards behind the flying man at the corner of Kilby street. The officer had emptied his revolver but he evidently tried not to hit the fugitive.

At Kilby street Parker shed Maguire's coat, dropping it into the street. He tripped over a drain pipe and recovered himself in time to stagger on down Kilby street.

Along Kilby street Parker and Goddard staggered, both getting tired out. The patrolman had dropped behind.

At the corner of State street a boy of about twelve years appeared in Parker's way.

"Stop that thief!" was yelled and the boy stood stock still in the thief's way.

"I give up," Parker gasped and leaned panting against the building. He made no resistance as Goddard grabbed him.

Mr. Gillooley led a crowd in chase of the fugitive clear down to Atlantic avenue and back to State street.

When the crowd entered Kilby street there was nearly 100 persons with lanterns and revolvers, accompanied by two policemen.

Almost all Newspaper Row accompanied the man to station 2, where he gave his name as William J. Parker, living at the Hotel Rexford.

JOKE ON THE REPORTER.

A few evenings ago a woman called at the police station and was closeted for nearly an hour with an officer and another attache of that institution. It was dark enough to render it hard to discern features in the room where the woman and the two men were talking and a reporter passed through the room shortly after the woman arrived. A little earlier in the evening an alleged shoplifter had been taken to the police station and the reporter, desirous of getting all that was coming in the line of news, flitted back and forth through the room in a vain attempt to learn what was going on. The conversation between the woman and the two men was being carried on in a low tone and when the reporter's curiosity had reached a very high pitch, one of the men, not the officer, approached him.

"What's that woman doing here?" asked the reporter.

"I couldn't afford to tell you that."

"Why not?" insisted the reporter.

"Because I am an attache of this place and it wouldn't be right for me to give you the story. It would really mean insubordination."

"Of course you know, I don't want to get left on a good story," suggested the scribe.

"I don't suppose you do, but I have told you how I stand," said the man with the story.

"Oh, come on, let me have it. I don't have to say that you told me the story."

"You'll promise to protect me?"

"I surely will."

"Then," said the man with the story, "I will tell you. That is Billy's wife. I have known her for years, and we were just talking over old times."

The reporter was a little bit vexed but he had to pocket his rage.

"For heaven's sake don't tell Billy that I thought his wife was a shoplifter," said the scribe as he bolted for the street.

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STEAMER KIOWA

SUNK IN COLLISION IN BOSTON HARBOR.

BOSTON, Dec. 28—No arrangements have yet been made towards raising the Clyde line steamer Kiowa, which was sunk below Boston light in the thick snowstorm Saturday by the outward-bound frieter Admiral Dewey. The vessel lies on an even keel with her masts and the top of her smoke-stack projecting above the water. Her decks are covered by 11 feet of water at low tide, and great difficulty will be experienced in lifting her from the bottom, on account of the depth of water in which she is. Before any attempt can be made to raise the craft, the great hole in her port side must be patched by divers and this work will take considerable time. The steamer will remain in her present position for some weeks, if, in fact, she is ever brought to the surface.

Representatives of the Clyde line will reach here today from New York and after viewing the wreck arrangements will probably be made for an attempt to float the steamer.

A conservative estimate of the value of her cargo is $50,000.

WINTRY WEATHER

WAS TOO MUCH FOR THE METHUENS.

An interesting game in the Merrimack Valley league was scheduled to take place on Saturday afternoon between the Methuens and U. S. Buntings. The wintry weather no doubt kept the visiting team from putting in an appearance. As, however, no word had been sent to them that the game was off and the home-sters and referee, T. Mehermott of Lawrence, were in attendance, the latter blew his whistle at the time arranged for the game to start. The Buntings lined up and the ball was kicked through the uprights. The referee then awarded the game to them.

This virtual defeat will practically put the Methuens out of the running for the championship.

Followers of the game of football will be sorry to hear that Ted Nelson of the Buntings is likely to retire permanently from the game, being forced to do so owing to an injury to his knee which some five or six weeks ago was badly kicked.

COMPANY C

TO HAVE THE PARKER CUP UNTIL NEXT SEASON.

The possession of the Parker cup until the opening of the shooting season next year was settled at the Dracut rifle range by representatives of the three local companies Saturday afternoon. The weather conditions were about the worst that a shoot was ever held under in this city. Lance Corp. Flynn won the cup for Co. C by a score of 42. Sergt. Berry of the same company shot the score but was outranked by Lance Corp. Flynn's. The cup will remain in the possession of Co. C till next season, making the eighth consecutive winter that it has been held by it. The men shooting and their scores follow: Sergt. Berry 47, Sergt. Peterson 39, Sergt. Leary 37, Lance Corp. Flynn 42 of Co. C, Private Baker of Co. G 40, Sergt. Scott 38, Capt. McNulty 57, Corp. Black 39 of Co. M.

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Here are twenty-two of them—made from Oxford mixed and black all wool friezes, cut very long, and nicely tailored—sizes 31 to 34 breast measure, just right for large boys 16 to 18 years old. These sold for $8.00, $10.00 and $12.00, all marked today to sell for **$5.00**

18 Boys' Reefers $1.00

One dollar is the price because the reefers are all small sizes, 3 years and 4. Blue chinchillas with velvet collars or all wool friezes with storm collars. These sold as high as $2.50—all today marked **$1.00**

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NARROW ESCAPE

German Liner Passed Over Hidden Mine

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28—The steamer Simano Maru, which arrived yesterday from China and Japan ports, brought a remarkable story from Singapore, which is vouched for by Shanghai papers, of the narrow escape of the German mail liner Prinz Heinrich from being blown up by a submarine mine. When the steamer was leaving Singapore a steam launch with a large party of British naval officers on board steamed towards her and the British naval men shouted excitedly:

"You are in great danger. Right before you is a submarine mine; for God's sake go astern full speed."

Capt. Pelntzer, realizing that his vessel had too much way to stop quickly, steamed ahead, hoping to get over the danger spot. Suddenly the mine exploded about two lengths astern with a tremendous roar, throwing up the water with a great splash.

CONVENTION HISTORY

PECULIAR FACTS OF NATIONAL NOMINATION AND ELECTION.

The only presidential and vice-presidential candidates ever nominated by a convention in which both were delegates were Garfield and Arthur, in the Chicago convention of 1880. When the convention met, their names had hardly been mentioned as possible nominations.

Horatio Seymour was the only presiding officer of a national convention ever nominated for the presidency. The convention was held in New York in 1868.

Thomas A. Hendricks, an avowed candidate for the nomination for first place on the democratic ticket, was a delegate to both conventions in which he was nominated for second place—in St. Louis in 1876 and in Chicago in 1884.

Mr. McKinley, while presiding over the national republican convention in Minneapolis in 1892, was voted for for the the nomination that Mr. Harrison received. Four years later Mr. McKinley was nominated by his party in the St. Louis convention.

Mr. Roosevelt was a member of the Philadelphia convention that nominated him for vice-president in 1900. It has been said that he almost wept with anger because he was forced to accept the nomination for vice-president. If so, it was not the first time in the history of national conventions that the vice-presidential candidate shed tears.

In 1840 John Tyler was a delegate to the Whig convention that nominated William Henry Harrison. He was a worshipper of Henry Clay, who was a candidate for the nomination which Harrison received.

Mr. Tyler was not a candidate for the second place. He devoted all his time to shouting and working for Henry Clay, and when his candidate went down before the hero of Tippecanoe, John Tyler wept like a boy in the convention.

One month after the inauguration of the man whom he had done his utmost to defeat in the convention, Tyler succeeded him as president.

Some peculiar and interesting political facts connected with the vice-presidency are not paralleled by any connected with the presidency. Thus:

If Mr. Webster had accepted the nomination for second place either time at which it was tendered he would have become president by succession.

If Mr. Butler of Massachusetts had accepted the nomination for second place in the convention which renominated Lincoln he would have succeeded to the presidency. It has been related that the convention was ready to give Butler the nomination unanimously, but that he positively refused it.

The man who received the nomination had hardly been mentioned in connection with the vice-presidency, and it is still a question whether his nomination and acceptance was not a mistake. Certain it is that Andrew Johnson was the only president who ever went out of office under a cloud.

Six vice presidents died in office. The first two, Clinton of New York and Gerry of Massachusetts, died in the administrations of Madison. The others were King of Alabama, in Pierce's administration; Wilson of Massachusetts, in Grant's; Hendricks of Indiana, in Cleveland's, and Hobart of New Jersey, in McKinley's.

The only vice-president who ever resigned was John C. Calhoun. He served less than three months of his term.

WM. J. BRYAN

WAS THE GUEST OF AMBASSADOR TOWER.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—William J. Bryan was entertained at luncheon Saturday by Ambassador Tower privately and called on Foreign Secretary Richthofen. Emperor William has expressed regrets at the fact that domestic Christmas festivities will prevent him from receiving Mr. Bryan in audience. About 1500 Americans and distinguished Germans were introduced Saturday afternoon to Mr. Bryan at the reception at the chamber of commerce given in his honor. Mr. Bryan will sail for New York, Wednesday, from Liverpool on the Celtic.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Manager Murphy of the Academy of Music has displayed exceedingly good taste in booking "Miss New York, Jr." as the attraction of his theatre for three nights and usual matinee commencing tonight. This metropolitan success is an extravaganza of rare merit embracing an unexcelled aggregation of artists. The opening attraction will be a one-act farce entitled "Thirty Minutes at Sea," in which are introduced all the latest songs with beautiful and handsomely costumed girls, funny comedians and an array of specialists who are all artists in their line, viz: Miss Granville, a mezzo-contralto of rare ability; Sutherland and Fonda, dainty little singers and dancers; Cuell and Pearce, as Alphonse and Gaston; Adams and Edwards in their laughable absurdity, "Heinneman's Domestic Bliss;" Marion and Pearl, comedians and acrobats. The closing skit is a satire entitled "Ye Destrict Skule," making the organization one of the greatest laughing hits travelling.

THIS WEEK AT THE CASTO.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins Fisher head the program at the Casto Theatre this week, and they will present Ezra Kendall's rural character sketch entitled "The Half-Way House," one of the most entertaining and amusing acts in vaudeville. The remainder of the program is up to the high Casto standard and will draw large crowds to the Shattuck street theatre this week. Green trading stamps are still given free at the Casto.

HANNA MAY RUN

Boom for "Boss" Being Revived

AKRON, O., Dec. 28.—A great revival of feeling for Hanna as presidential candidate has been caused by the refusal of Gen. Dick to talk on his statement of a few days ago, when he said positively that Hanna would not be a candidate for the presidency. Gen. Dick, since he made that statement, has held conferences with several of the foremost republican politicians of the state, and it is now believed here that Hanna will be nominated.

Gen. Dick, when asked regarding the report that Hanna was slated for the nomination, refused to talk, and in view of the vehemence with which he formerly declared against his nomination, it is now thought that at a secret conference Hanna has been decided upon, and has consented to run for the presidential chair.

Several quiet meetings of prominent politicians have been held within the past few days, and it leaked out yesterday that at a secret meeting with several republican central committeemen Dick suggested that the state convention be held about the middle of May. Ohio Roosevelt supporters were eager for an early convention, and take the late date selected as an indication that Roosevelt will not be nominated. Dick will not explain, affirm or deny it.

KILLED BY COLD

Man Found Unconscious in Street

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The body of a man, afterward identified as Frank Moran of Waterhill street, Lynn, was found on Revere street, Revere, yesterday morning. Death had apparently been caused by cold and exhaustion.

Isaac S. Johnson, an elderly resident of Stowers street, Revere, saw the body lying in the snow, partly in the street and partly on the sidewalk, about 7 o'clock. He sent word to Patrolman Stewart at the town police station, and Stewart and Patrolman McChrystal went with the police wagon. Although the extremities of the body were frozen, the trunk was still warm, and the officers lashed their horse to top speed in getting back to the station. There they worked on the man for half an hour, applying hot cloths, etc., but Dr. Walsh declared that the man was past all human aid.

In the afternoon the Lynn police learned that the body was that of Moran. He was a morocco worker, employed by Webber Bros., of Lynn, and had but one arm. He was 40 years old, married, and the father of nine children.

The body was sent to Lynn, and the Revere police did not learn much about Moran's movements, except that somebody reported that a man answering his description had been seen in the town about 6 o'clock yesterday morning, asking for a car for Lynn.

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ON THE CREASE

Mohairs to Join New Cricket League

Not since the days of the old-time contests between the Arlingtons and Lawrences of Lawrence and the Internationals of Lowell has there been so much interest shown in cricket in the Merrimac valley as during the past four seasons. During that time the contests in the Merrimac valley have been largely attended, the game has grown in favor, and the standard of play improved.

The powerful Mohair team of Lowell has carried all before it each season, and the clubs in the valley have gradually arranged themselves into two classes, Mohair easily holding itself at the head. Especially during last season did the fact become patent that a classification must be made or the league would fall through, as it was becoming a farce for the weaker clubs to try conclusions with the three or four very strong ones.

With a pardonable anxiety for more worlds to conquer, Mohair took the initiative in planning a league that should take in all the stronger clubs in and around Boston, and thus form a state league. This movement has been carried through successfully, and all these clubs affiliated as the Massachusetts cricket league. This league has two divisions, the first division embracing nine strong clubs, while the second takes in the weaker clubs and the second teams of the stronger ones.

The first division includes East Boston, Roxbury, Everett, Brockton, Lynn Wanderers, Mohair and Bunting of Lowell, and Merrimac and Lawrence of Lawrence. The second section has Chelsea, West India and West India Wanderers, both of Boston, Lynn Athletic, and the second teams of East Boston, Everett, Lynn Wanderers and Bunting, while it is quite probable that each division will contain ten clubs before the season opens. Cricket around Boston has become quite a drawing card, as large numbers attend the games at Franklin field, East Boston and Everett, and with these clubs in a league with the strong ones of Lowell, Lawrence and Brockton, still greater interest will be shown, and the game grow still more popular.

East Boston, Roxbury and Everett play on public grounds, while Brockton and Mohair probably lead the rest in having really good private creases. Brockton is fortunate in having some wealthy members, some of whom have donated a large sum for a larger clubhouse.

The officers of the new league are: J. F. Dixon of Everett, pres., E. Ashley of Brockton, vice pres., James Bennett of Lynn, sec., and John Killan of Chelsea, treas. Other responsible men fill offices of trustees, auditors, etc.

The Western Massachusetts league, which takes in four clubs in and around Northampton has for its leading spirit "Doc" Middleton, a former secretary of the Boston club of the '80s.

Read the Oriental Bazaar's ad.

GOT UP A SCRAP

ONLY WAY TO KEEP THEMSELVES FROM FREEZING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Wiliam Donaly and John Laplig of this city left Lindenhurst before sunrise Saturday for a day's gunning on the Great South bay. They had gone a short distance when the mast of the little boat snapped. With great difficulty they rescued the sail and reshipped the mast, but the gale soon whipped the sail to ribbons and they were forced to scud east before the breeze.

At nightfall the ice closed in around them and prevented the boat from drifting further. The mercury dropped below the zero mark. The men had not the slightest shelter, and for 12 hours they had to jump up and down and spar with each other to keep from freezing.

At daybreak yesterday Donaly hoisted a flag of distress on an oar. The signal was recognized by Capt. Philip Sammis, and Sammis and his brother Andrew went to the rescue. When they reached the men Laplig was nearly dead, but Donaly was not much the worse for the exposure.

KILLED HIMSELF

EAST BOSTON MAN VICTIM OF SAD ACCIDENT.

BOSTON, Dec. 28. While returning from a trip after duck yesterday afternoon, Charles Silvey, 40 years old, who resided at 284 Maverick street, East Boston, fell off a fence and accidentally pulled the trigger of the shotgun which he carried, the charge entering his left thigh and lodging in the abdomen and causing his death half an hour later at the City hospital relief station.

The accident happened at 1.45. The fence from which Mr. Silvey fell is but a short distance from his home and the tragic event was witnessed by his wife and children, who were sitting in the kitchen waiting for him to return.

Near Mr. Silvey's home is a marsh, which starts near the tracks of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn railroad and extends nearly as far as Wood island. Mr. Silvey was sitting in his window reading a newspaper when he saw a flock of ducks out on the marsh. Calling the attention of his wife to the birds, he said he would like to get some of them. Preparing his gun, he started for the marsh, but when he reached there the ducks had flown and Mr. Silvey started back home.

He took a short cut which necessitated his climbing a fence back of the railroad tracks. In getting over the fence, it is supposed that he missed his footing and his hand struck the trigger of the gun as he fell. The shot entered the upper portion of his left thigh near the abdomen.

The report of the gun attracted a large number of persons and Mr. Silvey's wife and children also came rushing to the scene. He was picked up and conveyed to Neil's fish house. Here the seriousness of the wound was discovered and the police ambulance was called. Five minutes after reaching the hospital Mr. Silvey died.

ADMIRAL O'NEILL

BOSTON MAN WILL GET THE RANK.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Next Friday Rear Admiral George W. Sumner, U. S. N., will retire from active service because of having reached the age limit of 62 years, and another Boston man, Capt. Charles O'Neil, will become a full rank rear admiral of the active list.

Capt. O'Neil, who for the past seven years has been the chief of the naval bureau of ordnance with the temporary acting rank of rear admiral, will probably not fly his flag as a flag officer of active rank in the navy, for he, in turn, will retire from active duty on March 15 next, because of reaching the age of 62.

SLEIGHING SKETCHES ON THE BOULEVARD YESTERDAY.

TWO FAT TURKEYS

Young Man Got Them at the Union Market

And Didn't Pay for Them—They Were Charged to Martin Mack the Lunch Cart Man—Alleged Thief Had Skeleton Key

Officer Henry Somers, Saturday evening, arrested Louis Crepeau, alias Louis Whipple, on suspicion of larceny. Louis was not a stranger to the officer and there was no doubt in the officer's mind as to Louis' guilt. The young man was charged with the larceny of two turkeys.

When Louis wants anything he wants it bad and Thursday he wanted two fat turkeys. He used to work for Martin J. Mack, the night lunch man, and he decided to get the turkeys in Martin's name. He went to the Union market in Middlesex street and told Frank Lang, one of the clerks, that Martin Mack sent him for turkeys. "He told me to get two 15-pound turkeys," said Louis. The clerk replied that he was a little short on big birds but that he would get two such as he wanted. The result was that Louis got the birds.

Saturday afternoon Mr. Mack was made acquainted with the fact that two turkeys were charged up to him at the Union market and he wondered why. He was told that a fellow by the name of Whipple called at the market and ordered two 15-pound turkeys, stating that Martin Mack had sent for them.

"Oh, the brazen thing," said Martin. "I didn't send him after turkeys. He doesn't work for me and I have no use for the turkeys."

The police were notified and Crepeau's arrest followed. He refused to discuss the turkey question and it was not until he had been run through the question machine in the inspectors' office that he even admitted getting the turkeys. Despite the fact that besides the officers Crepeau talked to Martin Mack and Frank King, he was at no time in the least disturbed. He said he didn't tell King that Mack had sent him for the turkeys.

"What did you say to Mr. King?" asked Deputy Welch.

"I told him I wanted two turkeys like the ones he gave Martin Mack." That was the sum and substance of his story about the turkeys."

Crepeau had a bunch of keys in his possession when arrested and one of them was a skeleton key. When Martin Mack turned his eyes on the bunch of keys he recognized among them a key to his front door and also a key to his ice chest.

"Have you any use for those keys?" asked Mr. Mack.

"Only when I go to your place," replied the unquelchable Louis.

"Go to my place?" repeated Martin.

"That's what I said."

"How long since you've been at my place?"

"I and other fellows have been at your house several times."

"Were you there when I was at home?"

"Yes, we've been there when you were sleeping soundly."

Despite their best efforts to continue along the stern lines which they had mapped out the officers were forced to smile at the conclusion of the little dialogue between Mr. Mack and the man with the keys.

Crepeau has a court record. On Sept. 17 he was arraigned in police court on a complaint charging him with cutting the warp on a loom in the Merrimack mills, and was fined $25.

He denied that he was the Louis Crepeau who was before the court in July, 1898, and fined $15 for the larceny of a ring. He said it was a cousin of his, but when told that his relatives would be brought to the police station he admitted that he was the Louis Crepeau in question.

ANOTHER'S PAY

John Flynn Turned Trick on Pawnbroker

Officer Palmer, Saturday evening, arrested John H. Flynn on a warrant charging him with the larceny of $7.50 from Thomas H. Kelly, pawnbroker. Flynn was under the influence of liquor when arrested.

Flynn, it is alleged, went to Kelly's pawn shop in Middlesex street one day last week and represented himself to be Patrick J. Carney. He said that he had a week's pay coming to him from the Merrimack corporation and he wanted to sell it at a reasonable figure. He secured his price, went away and Kelley immediately took steps to stop the victim's pay. When pay day arrived there was one man on the Merrimack who did not get his envelope, and when he questioned the paymaster with regard to it he was informed that it had been signed over to Mr. Kelly. An investigation was started and resulted in a warrant being sworn out for Flynn's arrest.

A CHRISTMAS TREE.

The children of the primary, intermediate and kindergarten departments of the First Congregational church enjoyed a fine Christmas tree Saturday afternoon. There were over 100 children present. Santa Claus was called off to another part of the country and was unable to be present, but an interesting letter from Santa stating the reason why he could not be there was read.

The letter was read by Assistant Sunday School Superintendent H. R. Blanchard. All of the children in the primary and intermediate school received books as gifts, and the children in the kindergarten school were presented with toys. Ice cream and cake was served by the teachers in charge. It was a joyous time long to be remembered.

The Thompson Hardware Co. has marked down all the toys they had left from Christmas to half price and have also reduced the price on all games.

GEN. MacARTHUR

Returns From the Hawaiian Islands

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—General MacArthur returned yesterday on the steamer Sibera from the Hawaiian Islands, where he has been making a military inspection. One of General MacArthur's first questions was for news concerning the Japanese-Russian controversy, and he listened intently to the information given him. He was then asked:

"Is it true, general, that your visit to the islands was cut short by the probability of war with Panama?"

The general considered the question a moment and said: "Well, I'm here."

His attention was directed to the recent activity displayed in the transport service and he remarked:

"I have not been notified about the transports."

Then the interviewer brought up the subject of the report of Colonel Jones, of the Hawaiian militia, who quoted General MacArthur as saying that war would come between the United States and Germany and that the principal fighting would be in the Pacific, with the Hawaiian Islands the objective point. General MacArthur said:

"That is a matter that I will discuss in no way. You must excuse me."

In relation to his trip the general said:

"I made a very thorough inspection of the islands of Oahu and have sent to Washington a complete report of my ideas for the defenses and establishment of fortifications, also the number of posts I thought advisable to establish. The trip was most instructive and valuable. The wealth of the country surprised me and particularly was I amazed at the enormous sugar plantations."

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HOBOES RAIDED

MORE ARRESTS MADE BY BOSTON POLICE.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The entire force of inspectors, divided into three squads gathered at different rendezvous just before dawn yesterday morning about 6 o'clock and started out on their raid of hobo lodging houses. Whether there are any dangerous characters or criminals who are wanted in the lot, will not be known until today, but the raiders didn't think that here were any among those taken in who were wanted for anything unless for some pretty offence.

The first squad took the West and North Ends and when they got through their work 13 men were locked up at the Hanover street station, and the South End raiders picked up 12. This made a total of 62 arrests.

There is little doubt that the majority of these will be sent away for vagrancy as soon as a judge sees them. Few of them looked as though they had the courage to sign a contract for a whole day's work, and their hands, soft and white on the palms, didn't look much like an every-day workingman's. There wasn't enough money found in the pockets of the whole lot to pay for a room for one night at a medium-class hotel.

C. Y. M. L. DIRECTORS

WERE NAMED AT MEETING YESTERDAY.

The regular meeting of the Catholic Young Men's lyceum of St. Patrick's church was held yesterday afternoon and the following directors were elected for the ensuing term:

John J. Carroll, John J. Doyle, William Enright, J. Harry Flaherty, Joseph Gilley, John M. Hogan, William P. Whelby and Patrick O'Brien. The following named were appointed by Rev. William O'Brien, pastor: John J. O'Connor, William A. Barry, William P. Callahan, Dennis J. Devine, Thomas Mahoney, Timothy Hoban and James Kennedy.

Very favorable reports were read by the chairmen of the different committees. It was announced that the society will put on the well-known drama "Friends" in the near future. In all probability the play will be presented during the middle of the month of February.

For the harvest festival committee Mr. John J. O'Connor reported that over $70 had been realized by the event, which clears the organization of all debts, leaving a balance in the treasury of over $30.

The society is to receive communion in a body at the 8 o'clock mass on next Sunday and after the services a breakfast will be served in the Parochial boys' school hall in Suffolk street. This will be followed by an entertainment and meeting of the society.

Best gifts at the Oriental Bazaar.

BARN BURNED

Fire Thought to be of Incendiary Origin

A barn belonging to John O'Donnell, situated on the Old Lowell Road, now known as Dock street, in Tewksbury, was burned last evening, and between eight and ten tons of English and meadow hay, owned by George W. Foster of Tewksbury, went up in smoke. Mr. O'Donnell valued the barn at $800, and the hay was worth at least $125.

The blaze was discovered about a quarter of six by James Callahan, who lives directly opposite on Main street. At that time flames were bursting from the side of the barn and were working their way upward. Mr. Callahan rushed across the street and tried to gain admittance in the O'Donnell house, but found that the doors were locked and that the children, six in number, were locked in. He pried a window and let them out. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell, were visiting a neighbor, William Flynn, at the time, and they were apprised of the fire by one of the children.

By this time the flames had gained so much headway that it was impossible to check the fire. Word was sent to neighbors, who readily responded, and assisted in tearing down the front and sides of the structure. This was done in order that the sparks would not communicate to the house, which stood but a few feet away.

The barn was built about ten years ago and the framework was entirely of oak. Mr. O'Donnell used a portion of the barn for storing furniture, but let the greater portion of it to George Foster, who stored his hay there. Mr. Foster could not be located last night.

Mr. O'Donnell in speaking of the fire, said that he could not possibly account for the fire, but thought that it must have been of incendiary origin, as the place had been securely locked for four days.

The cause of the fire will be investigated either today or tomorrow.

NORTH BILLERICA.

On account of being out on Christmas day the employes of the Talbot mills of North Billerica were obliged to work until 6 o'clock Saturday night. The Faulkner mill closed at noon Saturday.

A pleasant surprise party was held Christmas eve at the home of William Higson in Wilson street, when a number of his friends called at his home and presented him with a beautiful art square. The presentation speech was made by Jonathan Williams, after which refreshments were served and a good time spent until a late hour.

At a meeting of Danforth lodge, K. of P., held recently the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: C. C., Jeremiah Sheehan; V. C., Frank Bonan; P., James T. Moran; M. W., D. W. Robinson; K. R. S., Edward J. Garner; M. F., Thomas M. Clark; M. C., Richard J. Conway; M. A., Lawrence W. Buckley; I. G., Fred C. Smith; O. G., Robert Faulds; representatives to Grand lodge, Edward J. Garner, D. W. Robinson. Installation will take place Jan. 13, 1904.

The class of '01 of the Howe school will hold a social party in the town hall in the centre village Thursday evening.

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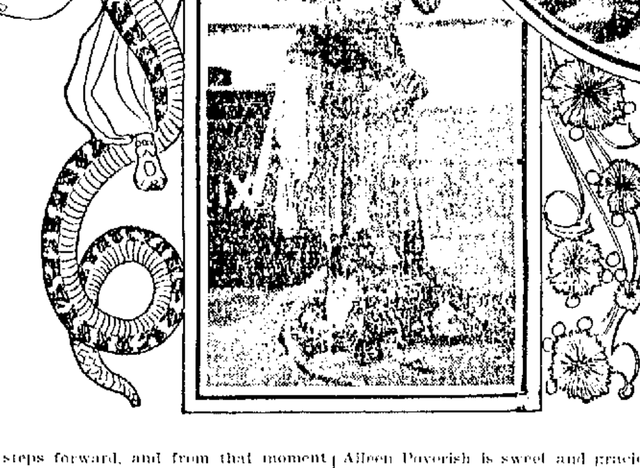
"Winsome Winnie" AND "The Marriage of Kitty"

"WINSOME WINNIE," at the Casino, is indeed winning. Paula Edwardes, the sprightly little comedienne, is dancing and singing her way into the hearts of the folk who have followed her career in previous Casino successes and also in various of the productions of the late Augustin Daly.

Written by the authors of "Erminie," Jakobowski and Paulton (American version by Frederic Ranken and Gustave Kerker), "Winsome Winnie" is a medley of song and story, chiefly song. Brigands bad and brigands bold, terrible, torturesome "Turks" and budding, blushing beauty mingle in the gay and handsome throng. As for the plot, suffice it to say that it creeps out from under cover now and again and nods its head as a guarantee of good faith. But really this proceeding is quite unnecessary, for in these latter comic opera days a well developed, full grown plot is deemed superfluous.



"Winsome Winnie" a Success.

The production is a highly successful one, teeming with merry, catchy songs, resplendent in rich colorings, handsomely costumed and, particularly from the opening of the second act to the play's end, exhibits well sustained action. The early portion of the opening act drags somewhat and could be cut to advantage.

"Winsome Winnie" conforms entirely to Casino traditions in the beauty of its chorus girls. Perhaps herein lies the answer to the question of a fair young woman in the audience who asked of the writer: "Why are so many men always seen at the Casino? There are several boxes containing men exclusively. You never find it so in other theaters." Who knows but that the aforementioned traditions have a deal to do with assemblages in the big red brick building of Moorish architecture?

Willfully Wileful Winnie.

Paula Edwardes is here and there, everywhere. Roguishly coquettish and willfully wileful, she pirouettes about exactly as a real American soubrette would really do if suddenly transplanted into the very heart of a real foreign land where innkeepers and other brigands are on the alert to seize opportunities. (I use the word seize advisedly.)

Miss Edwardes is seen in the best work of her career. There is "something doing" all the time when she is on the stage. Certain of her lines which from other tongues would fall with a sound like unto that of unsupported dough strike humorous keynotes and bring forth storms of laughter.

Winsome Winnie Walker, a soubrette from the United States stranded in Montenegro with a box of papier mache SNaIX, first comes into view as she climbs over the sea wall in Cattaro and plumps her dainty feet down on the flagging of the boat landing. "Well, this isn't the first time I've come in with the tide," she remarks as she steps forward, and from that moment she keeps her hearers in good humor.

Winnie's Plight.

Having had "nothing to eat for three days—yesterday, today and tomorrow 'll be the third," Winnie seeks to earn a few centimes by exhibiting her trained reptiles to the vulgar multitude. One is "a green garter snake with a diamond buckle," another is an accordion plaited anaconda from Montana and a third is a viper with a fondness for lurking in the bottom of the pen, "a regular pen-viper." Oh, dear, oh, dear!

Meeting a heterogeneous party of tourists from the impecunious Lord Poverish's yacht Anita, Winnie accepts a proposition to pose as Marjorie Bell, the wealthy ward of the penniless lord, this young lady (Marjorie) desiring to play a humble role to ascertain whether or not Desmond, the son of Lord Poverish, would love her for herself alone and not for her money. Winnie wins Desmond for herself, although, as W. P. Carleton enacted the role, there was nothing in particular in Desmond to admire. He appeared to vie with Jobyna Howland in being as wooden and as stagy as possible.

Winnie is captured by Brigands (with a colossal B, if you please, Mr. Printer). Led by Pericles (excellently acted by Joseph C. Miron), who as a side line to his highwayman trade operates the aptly named Plucked Pigeon Inn, the ignoble wretches imprison her in a second edition of the Bastille, from which Desmond finally releases her.

Of the many songs a pronounced hit is "They're Looking For Me," by Ranken and Kerker.

Joseph Miron's Climax.

Miron brings down the house in "The Montenegrin Patrol," a stirring song with a "brazen bandit" chorus. Paulton and Jakobowski are responsible for this number. Miron interjects considerable animation into the song, and the whole effect, with the mysterious movements of the bandit band, is enjoyable.

James E. Sullivan as Dr. Krause, a Weberfieldian type of Dutchman, and William S. Corliss as Demetrius, a victim of dipsomania, who assists Pericles, are very amusing. Helen Redmond as Aileen Poverish is sweet and gracious. She sings with charm in tone and presence. Isabel Hall as Marjorie Bell is likewise good. As I have before intimated, Jobyna Howland is a discordant note through her lack of ease and grace. Fortunately for "Winsome Winnie," her role is unimportant. Carleton bends backward so stiffly from the waist that one is led to assume that he fears that his great importance will not be fully appreciated by the mere mortals "in front."

Marie Tempest in a Storm of Humor.

Back with us once more after her London experiences, Marie Tempest in "The Marriage of Kitty" at the Hudson theater appears as a comedienne this time instead of in the role of a prima donna of comic opera. She has made the change with great eclat and is undoubtedly giving us one of the best of the season's dishes on the dramatic menu.

Translated from the French of Fred Gresac and F. de Croisset by Cosmo Gordon Lennox, the play, in the original coarse and risque, is not distastefully Gallic in its present form. It sparkles, effervesces, scintillates with humor, at times "spicy." 'Tis true, but no suggestion of vulgarity is at any time conveyed.

A close second in the race for honors is Leonard Boyne in the role of a stupid but good natured and withal lovable baronet, Sir Reginald Belsize. Mr. Boyne scored more heavily than any other actor I have ever seen outside of a leading role. An Englishman, he has not been seen here for about ten years, when he appeared in "The Prodigal Daughter."

Kitty's Multitudinous Weddings.

"The Marriage of Kitty" had a run of 250 nights in London. In this case at least American opinion will be shown to coincide with that of the mother-land that was. Kitty is due for a long succession of marriages over here.

The Play as It Unfolds.

Miss Katherine Silverton (Miss Tempest) is left a moneyless orphan at the tender age of twenty-nine. Seeking employment, she visits her godfather, a legal luminary. To the lawyer's office have also repaired Sir Reginald and Mme. de Semiano, the latter a Peruvian widow. Sir Reggie has fallen heir to his uncle's large fortune. It will become his if he does not marry this particular widow. They love each other, but they also "need the money." They seek a legal solution of the problem.

The lawyer suggests that he marry another woman, later on divorce her and then marry the Peruvian dame. She says she has no objection to the plan so long as the temporary bride be not too good looking. Sir Reggie also consents. The couple are kept in an ante-room. In the inner office Kitty is transformed into Mrs. Katherine Silverton a widow of uncertain age. Kitty's hair is twisted into a plait, her waist line suffers a severe dislocation, and she caps the operation by appropriating the lawyer's goggles.

Mrs. Silverton weds the baronet. A year afterward the bride and bridegroom meet at Lake Geneva in a villa. The baronet and the bona fide widow had come there for the purpose of arranging for his divorce from Kitty. Sir Reggie falls desperately in love with his wife. The Widow de Semiano has an attack of hysterics, and during the remainder of the play screamingly ludicrous episodes transpire.

Frederick Tregelles

New York.

LEONARD BOYNE, THE ENGLISH ACTOR, NOW IN "THE MARRIAGE OF KITTY."

BASKET BALL HISTORY.

Hundreds of young men are now playing basket ball who probably have but a vague idea regarding its origin or realize that for so young a sport it has had a most unusual career. Started first as a game for members of the gymnasium classes of Young Men's Christian associations, it has now attracted the attention of all classes of athletes, as is seen from the scores of associations that now exist, including intercollegiate, interscholastic, Christian associations and even professional.

Basket ball had its birthday in Springfield, Mass., eleven years ago. Dr. James Naismith has been given the unquestioned honor of inventing it, for it was an invention pure and simple. Unlike baseball, football, hockey, golf and other sports, it was not evolved into its present standard through years of growth with gradual improvements, but leaped with one bound into its present position. The method of playing the game today and its rules differ only in the merest details from the first games played eleven years ago.

Dr. James Naismith brought out the game while he was an instructor in the Young Men's Christian association training school in Springfield. Dr. Luther Gulick, who is now in Brooklyn, was also an instructor in the school at the same time, and he had a share in bringing the game to perfection. He has always maintained an unflagging interest in the sport and is the chairman of the basket ball committee of the Amateur Athletic union.

The game was the result of a general demand at that time for something which should present new features in regular gymnasium work and fill other requirements for the necessary physical instruction in the training school. The new game, whatever it might be, was obliged to stand a severe test, for seven requirements were demanded of it—namely, a game that could be played on any kind of ground, a game that could be played by a large number of men at once, a game that should be so attractive that men would like to play it for its own sake, a game that should have little or none of the reputed roughness of Rugby or association football, a game easy to learn and a game scientific enough to be interesting to older players.

KEENE'S RACING PLANS.

James R. Keene has decided to race no more in England. He and his son Foxhall have arranged to break up their English stable, and their colors will be seen no more in the classic stakes in that country. News came from abroad that such a move was being made by the famous millionaire, but it was at first denied.

Mr. Keene was seen recently, and he confirmed the cabled reports. He said his stable had been mismanaged in England and that he would close his racing affairs there as soon as possible. Mr. Keene said:

"It is true that I will sell some of my horses that are in England and bring the rest back to America in the near future. I have not decided whether I will send more yearlings there next year.

"My trainer, Matthew Allen, has made a mess of it over there, but will do better here. He as well as other American trainers get lost in England in a multitude of perplexities that beset them on the English turf. He was unaccustomed to training methods suitable to the English climate, and for a time at least I will have no horses there."

Mr. Keene's name has been prominent in English racing since his advent there in 1879 or 1880, and his winning several big races and the Grand Prix in Paris with his horse Foxhall in 1881 are still well remembered. His training quarters at Pamrose House and stables at Newmarket which he leased from Lord Rosebery, are among the best appointed in existence.

ANDERSON A WRESTLER.

John Anderson, who covered first base for the St. Louis Browns last season and who will be in the line-up of the New York Americans next year, has branched out as a wrestler. He recently stayed thirty minutes with Lundin, the Swedish champion.

SUCCESSFUL SIRES.

Gambetta Wilkes, Baron Wilkes and Brown Hal have each eleven 2:10 performers. The dead stallion Online has four new 2:10 performers to his credit this year.

SPORTING DOINGS

Champion Mike Egan and His Handball Book

The Ryan-O'Brien Fight. Kid McCoy. A Long Auto Tour

THE ancient and honorable game of handball has never been more popular than at present, and the day has come when a gymnasium is considered incomplete without one or two of the inclosed courts in which it is played. Until a few years ago handball was generally considered a means for developing the activity of pugilists in training. Soon, however, the merits of the exercise involved in the game attracted the attention of athletically inclined people of every sort, and the sport was widely adopted. Handball is a splendid all around developer, and as it can be enjoyed by schoolboys and aged men alike it is no wonder that its vogue has spread.

The game has been brought to its highest degree of development by professionals, and in many cities splendid courts have been erected, in which the public may view exhibitions and also compete if they desire.

Mike Egan.

The leading professional in this country is Mike Egan, holder of the world's championship title. Egan, after defeating the strongest players in the United States, journeyed to Ireland last summer and was victorious over the ablest exponents of the game in the Emerald Isle.

Egan has reduced handball to a science. He is a marvel of agility and endurance, and his muscular development is nothing short of wonderful. His back and shoulders show bunches of power giving tissue that would indicate that he possesses the strength of a Sandow. He drives the ball with the velocity of a bullet, and woe be unto the unwary opponent hit by the speeding spheroid.

Egan Has Written a Book.

In a well written book recently published for Egan, "The Official Handball Guide," the champion relates some interesting facts about his favorite pastime and also gives valuable instruction relative to the playing of the game. He says in part:

"The game of handball is undoubtedly of Celtic origin, and the proof of the assertion rests with the fact that wherever this nomadic race has set foot only there will be found traces of the pastime. The earliest authentic mention of handball, according to the annals of Ireland, occurs in the year 3370 A. M., or 1,879 years prior to the Christian era. This was in connection with the Tailten games inaugurated by Ere, the last king of the Firbolgs, in honor of his daughter-in-law, Tailte. As to the particular style in which the game was played it is now impossible to accurately determine, but from the meager accounts of the early chroniclers, no walls were used, but the ball was tossed from hand to hand. * * *

"It is altogether uncertain at what period handball was introduced into England; but, like the Greeks, the early inhabitants of Albion copied it from the Celts. In the museum of Trinity college, Oxford, there is a fourteenth century manuscript containing a life of St. Cuthbert. It says of him that when he was young 'he pleyde atte handeballe with the children that his fellows were.' * * *

Handball In France.

"The French were introduced to the game rather early and called it palm play. It was played by the naked hand, but afterward with a glove, which in some instances was lined with soft material. Afterward the French bound cords and tendons around their hands to make the ball rebound more forcibly. In the reign of Charles V. the game was exceedingly fashionable in France, being played by the nobility for large sums of money. * * *

"Of course a regulation court and a regulation ball are necessary for a proper display of the game, but I would advise every one before tackling these propositions to learn how to strike the ball and the method of placing it. Any kind of a wall with a smooth surface will answer this purpose, and instead of a regular playing ball use a hollow rubber, lawn tennis or any other light ball. The regular ball is apt to hurt your hands because you do not know how to hit it properly, and when the hands are hurt you become disheartened and claim that the game is too severe. But there can be no such thing as injured hands if you proceed along the lines stated above.

Use Both Hands.

"In speaking of hands, I mean both the right and left. The right, of course, is oftener used, and it is only natural for a right handed person to play with that hand in preference to the left, but unless you can use one as well as the other, outside of serving, there is no use trying to become a successful player. There is no great difficulty in becoming as proficient with the left as with the right, especially for a beginner, and I would advise every one to practice with the left as often as possible and never attempt to complete a left handed play with the right. I am sorry to say that there are entirely too many of our prominent players who are essentially right handed. They get along very well so long as they can hit the ball with the right hand, but a heady player will soon find out their weakness, and certain defeat will be the result. * * *

"Now we come to serving the ball. Stand firmly on the feet, bound the ball straight so that you can have a good whack at it at the height of the waist, and, with the hand scoop shaped, with fingers tightly closed, swing with an underhand motion and put the weight of the body behind the blow. You must bring the ball out from the wall beyond the ace line, or it is a short ball, and if you do the same thing three times in succession in a game against an opponent you lose your hands. It's best to start in right away to try and hit the ball as far from the front wall as possible. You may not succeed very well at first, but if you keep at it you are bound to find out your faults, and when you become successful with a light ball you cannot fail to go wrong with a regular handball. * * *

"A good server is one thing, but a clever all round player is another. Many persons make service a specialty. This is not handball by any means. Of course effective tossing is very necessary, but unless you know the other points of the game you will never make a successful match player."

Ryan and "Philadelphia Jack."

Now that Tommy Ryan and "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien have been matched pugilistic sharps are looking forward to what should prove one of the most interesting fights of the times. These men are undoubtedly the leading middleweights of the world, leaving Bob Fitzsimmons out of consideration, and both are of the class of fighters who combine advanced cleverness with hard hitting.

O'Brien naturally rules favorite in the coming bout. He has won a large number of battles at home and in England, and he seems to be at the zenith of his career.

Ryan's record is well known. He defeated Jack Dempsey, Kid Lavigne, Billy Stift (twice), Paddy Gorman, Tommy West (twice), Kid Carter, Billy Smith, fought one draw with Kid McCoy, losing his first and third fights with the Hoosier, and knocked out a score of lesser lights. He is accounted one of the fastest and cleverest men in the ring when at his best, and it remains to be seen whether or not he has "gone back" to such an extent that O'Brien will find him an "easy mark." O'Brien's followers state unhesitatingly that, owing to his present poor condition, Ryan has no chance whatever against the Quakertown scrapper.

Kid McCoy In Training.

Kid McCoy is now busily attending to getting into shape again. He does two or three hours of light work in a well known New York gymnasium every day and says that he believes that he will gradually regain his old time form and speed.

McCoy says: "I am going to keep pegging away for six months, increasing the severity of my work as the time passes. I am fat and slow now, but the improvement I have shown in my first few weeks of light training encourages me greatly. Next spring I will be in good shape, I am sure, and then will challenge all comers in my class."

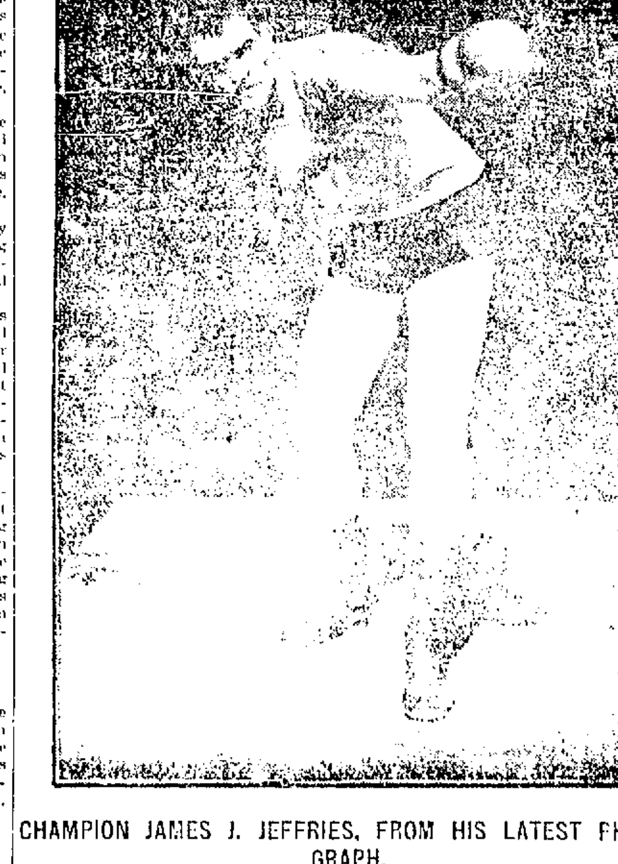
McCoy is taking what might be termed an advanced course in physical culture in the gymnasium in question. After boxing a few rounds with his former sparring partner, Billy Elmer, he takes on Tommy Shortell, the New York middleweight, and then dallies with a rowing machine, exercises with dumbbells and rides a few miles on a stationary cycling machine.

Smathers' Long Auto Tour.

E. E. Smathers, the millionaire owner of thoroughbreds, trotters and pacers, is the expansionist extraordinary of the sporting world. Not content with possessing some of the leading light harness horses, he started a thoroughbred stable by purchasing McChesney, the western champion, and other stars of the running turf. Later he picked up a few more trotters, including Major Delmar, Lou Dillon's rival, and now he purposes to indulge himself in an automobile tour of the world. Mr. Smathers will soon start on this trip, which will cause a transcontinental expedition to look like a three minute ride on a bobtail horse car.

With a party of three or four friends, Mr. Smathers will tour America, Europe, Asia and Africa. The expedition starts in the middle of January and will last four months. This tour will be the longest on record.

HARRY GRANT.



CHAMPION JAMES J. JEFFRIES, FROM HIS LATEST PHOTOGRAPH.

Champion Jeffries, having defeated every pugilist in America in his class, is now seriously considering a plan to go to South Africa and Australia in search of matches. Other American fighters in years gone have made money in fights in these countries, and Jeffries believes that he can do likewise.

HUNTING THE CARIBOU.

A grand old denizen of the forest is the caribou, the quest of hundreds of huntsmen who enjoy the shooting of one of the wariest members of the deer family. The caribou was once found in Pennsylvania and Connecticut, but now is almost extinct in this country, being found only in northern Maine and the Rocky mountains. In parts of Canada he is still to be had in comparatively large numbers, and the caribou hunting season is now at its height. Parties of Nimrods invade northern Maine and Canada every year, and he who returns with a pair of antlers from one of these animals "brought down" by his own rifle is accounted one of the luckiest of mortals.

A CARIBOU HUNTER READY FOR THE CHASE.

JOE JEFFERSON'S LATEST.

Joseph Jefferson tells a new story of dramatic "business" in the earlier days of the Walnut Street theater in Philadelphia. "Camille" was being played, and all was going with intensity. Then came a scene between Camille and Armand, in the course of which a servant was to enter with lights.

"In those days," says Mr. Jefferson, "sea island cotton was stage ice cream, just as molasses and water was stage wine, sherry or port, according to the proportion of molasses. Armand and Camille were seated at the table where they had been enjoying such viands as there, and their dialogue was making the very best sort of an impression on a crowded house. Then in came that maid servant with the wabbliest sort of a candelabrum. The scene was so engrossing that she was scarcely noticed, but when she set down her burden between the lovers and one candle toppled out and put the ice cream in a blaze, well, the strain was broken. The entire audience burst into a laugh, and the curtain had to be rung down."

PRICE OF SUGAR

Not Likely to be Much Less

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Sharps who figure out the capacities of nations tell us that the American stomach will call for 2,4000,000 tons of sugar in the coming year. This is an increase of 150,000 to 200,000 tons over the consumption of this year.

Cane sugar from Porto Rico, Louisiana, Hawaii and the beet sugar product of the United States will provide 900,000 tons produced within our customs territory. Of the estimated Cuban crop of 875,000 tons probably 900,000 tons will be shipped to the United States, because the differential of 20 per cent. of the duty provided for in the reciprocity treaty, will bring that crop to this market.

For the remaining 600,000 tons we must go elsewhere, either to the cane sugar product of Java or the beet sugar countries, Germany, France and Austria. Under the stimulus of bounty, Germany now produces three times the quantity of sugar that she consumes, France twice her home supply and Austria and Russia a large surplus. This excess production is marketed in England, Norway, Sweden, Spain and the colonies held by those countries which produce little sugar.

"While American labor costs twice as much as foreign labor, I don't see how we are going to compete with the beet sugar countries," said a sugar baron recently. "That is why, with a protective tariff of $33 a ton on sugar, we still go abroad for most of ours. I don't know who will get the benefit of the reduction in duty on the Cuban crop, but I fancy it will not make sugar any cheaper to the fellow who buys ten pounds at a time from the corner grocery. The Cuban plantation owner will probably get the difference, and it is understood that the American Sugar Refining company is the largest owner there.

"Up to about nine years ago producing beet sugar in Germany was the same as owning a gold mine. The government paid a bounty of one-fourth of a cent a pound. It established bonded warehouses right at the factories so that when a man had a hundred barrels of sugar ready for the market he just put it in the warehouse, got a certificate from the government and turned the certificate into the bank, borrowing money on it.

"By this system the man with a small capital was able to do a tremendous business on government credit. The sugar makers got rich so quickly that the government abolished the warehouse certificate, though continuing the bounty. Whenever a German ships a hundred pounds of sugar abroad he gets 25 cents bounty. To offset this, our tariff provided that sugar from bounty-paying countries should pay that bounty as well as the regular duty.

"Russia also pays a bounty, but it is figured in a complex way with the idea of escaping the penalty in the customs of the importing countries. That question was tried out at length before the board of general appraisers.

"Practically all the sugar we import comes in the state called by the trade '96 test,' about equal to the best brown sugar. With the duty of $1.65 paid, 96 test costs $3.75 a hundredweight. The testimony of the refiners is that it costs 62c a hundredweight to refine it, so that at the current price of standard granulated there is a mighty small margin of profit.

"Seven pounds out of every hundred is lost in refining, or rather changed than lost. The refiner gets out of that seven pounds four pounds of syrup and three pounds of a residue which has little value.

"I believe that outside of the United States sugar can be produced for two cents a pound, but with the wages that labor commands here we cannot make cheap sugar."

Oriental Bazaar, 318 Merrimack St.

TOUGH PARODY

Undid Lover of Childhood's Poem

It very rarely happens that Deputy Welch allows a story to go by the board without "tipping" the reporters, providing, of course, that the story does not conflict with the workings of the department, but somehow or other the genial deputy forgot the reporters Thursday afternoon and it was by mere accident that The Sun's police reporter got "next" to the following happening at the bastile on the afternoon before Christmas.

About 4.30 o'clock a young man of devious and uncertain gait walked into the station house and reeled off the following story to the deputy:

"My brother is responsible for this. After the way he treated me this morning I just had to get drunk. I'm fond of poetry and he isn't. My favorite poem begins, 'Twas the night before Christmas.' I tell you, Mr. Officer, that's the finest poetry ever written. My brother knows how I love that poem, and you can bet he never misses a chance to jolly me about it.

"This morning he draped himself over the foot of my bed and began a recitation. I wouldn't have cared about that, but he had the nerve to hand me a parody of the most sacred poem of my childhood. What do you think of this?

" 'Twas the night before Christmas,
When all through the flat
Not a creature was stirring—not even the cat.
Dear father was hung in the chimney with care,
And a man with a bigger jag never was there."

"When he got as far as that, I threw him out. A man who would make fun of the sacred poem of your childhood is a vandal. That's what he is; and, anyhow, father don't drink."

The fellow undone by a parody was shown to a cell and after he had slept off the effects of his brother's unkindness was allowed to go his way.

"I wish you a merry Christmas," said the keeper.

"O, that'll be all right," said the lover of poetry.

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22 WERE KILLED

Bad Wreck on the Pere Marquette

MANY OF THE INJURED MAY DIE

Collision Caused by Blizzard Extinguishing Light

ROAD NEVER BEFORE KILLED PASSENGER

Officials Found No Evidence of Carelessness

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 28.—Last night the death list resulting from the head-on collision between two Pere Marquette passenger trains near East Paris early Saturday evening, stood at 22, with 29 persons injured, several of them probably fatally.

Eighteen bodies have been identified. The bodies of four men are at the morgue here awaiting identification.

The identified dead are:

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Baldwin, Mulliken, Mich.
Louis Baldwin, their son, Mulliken, Mich.
Lester Williams, Lansing, Mich.
Mrs. Daisy Giles, Lowell, Mich.
Burt Myers, Grandville or Lake Odessa, Mich.
Walter Jordan, Grand Rapids.
Joseph Hull, colored, Windsor, Ont.
Austin Wagar, Detroit, baggageman.
Charles A. Stoddard, Detroit, engineer.
Charles A. Devine, Grand Rapids.
William Heinrich, Detroit, baggageman.
C. M. Gillett, Burr Oak or Portland, Mich.
Allen H. Wells, Big Rapids, Mich.
Frank Burns, Detroit, fireman.
Peter W. Wierenge, Grand Rapids.
George Palmer, Detroit, American express agent.
William Smith, Saranac, Mich.

Among the injured are engineer Frank Waterman of Detroit, conductor George Niel of Grand Rapids, Harry Marcus, president of the E. H. Marcus company, of New York; mail clerk C. N. Botsford of Farmington, Mich., and Rev. James Humphrey, pastor of the church of Christ, at Lansing, Mich.

WORST IN ROAD'S HISTORY.

It was the most disastrous wreck in the history of the Pere Marquette system, and instead of being caused by man's carelessness or mistake, is charged to the high wind which extinguished the red signal light in the order board at McCord's station, where the west-bound train was expected to stop and to receive new orders. Two minutes before the train rushed by McCord's the light was burning says the operator there, but in that brief interval the blizzard that was raging extinguished it and train No. 5 ran by the station to crash into east-bound train No. 6 at East Paris.

The trains, which were two of the finest on the system, were reduced to a promiscuous pile of broken and twisted timber and metal, with dead and injured planed down and crushed by the fragments of the heavy cars.

Five cars and two large locomotives were jammed into a space ordinarily occupied by three coaches and the wreckage was strewn across the railroad right of way fom fence to fence.

When train No. 5 bound west whizzed by McCord's instead of stopping the frightened operator notified the dispatcher, and then found that his red light had been extinguished. He reported the fact and that a collision was inevitable.

The dispatcher's office rallied for medical aid, and gave orders to hold the train over the Saginaw branch at the station and get the wrecking outfit under steam. They then waited for the word they knew must come.

COLLISION INEVITABLE.

There was no chance of the fast running trains to see each other through the driving blizzard in time to even slow down and in a few minutes word came from the conductor of No. 5 that they had crashed together and there was an awful loss of life.

The two trains were in collision about the middle of a long, sweeping curve, three-quarters of a mile west of East Paris. On the inner side of the curve is a high embankment, preventing a view of the track ahead. When the engines met, one turned completely over and lay headed in a direction opposite to that in which it had been traveling. The other climbed the wreckage of the first, its boiler torn from the trucks, standing erect in the centre of the debris.

The boiler of engine No. 397 turned over several times, and the very force of the twisting impact seems to have been the means of saving the life of Engineer Waterman. He was flung 40 feet over the fence at the edge of the right of way. E. B. Moon, his fireman, was sitting on the opposite side of the cab, and he, too, was thrown clear of the pile of wreckage.

As the trains came together the steamer domes of each boiler blew off, releasing their contents, else there would have been added horrors from the blistering steam. The smoker on No. 6 was swept clean as the mail car telescoped its entire length, and in turn it crashed several feet into the parlor car. It was at the rear end of the smoker and forward end of the cafe car where the passengers were killed or injured. From a space six feet square the bodies of two women, a boy and a man were taken out.

The west-bound flyer, with its heavy bulkheaded cars, stayed on the rails, back of the baggage and mail cars, and the passengers in this train escaped serious injury. As one man they rushed from the train to assist the less fortunate ones on the train from this city. Many stripped warm overcoats from their backs and covered the suffering injured as they were borne to the less shattered cars of No. 5 into the remains of the parlor car of No. 6. Nearby farmers, hearing the crash, turned out with blankets and did valient service.

HAD NEVER KILLED A PASSENGER.

According to statements made by officials of the Pere Marquette, the west-bound train was traveling down grade at the rate of 60 miles an hour. The east-bound train was climbing the hill at a speed of 40 miles an hour. The former carried probably 75 passengers, while the latter is believed to have been carrying at least 125 persons.

General Supt. Smith interviewed operator Booth at McCord's Saturday night, and said yesterday:

"I have no reason to doubt the statement of Booth that his light was burning two minutes before No. 5 passed McCord's and that the wind extinguished it. He is an old operator and has been in the employ of the road several years.

"This is the first wreck in which the Pere Marquette ever killed a passenger on its own train. The road has killed passengers on other trains, persons at crossings and employes, but never before has it killed outright or fatally injured a passenger of its own."

Coroner Hillier impanelled a jury yesterday and the remains of the dead were viewed. The jury adjourned till after Jan. 1.

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TO AUSTRALIA

Dowie Bids Good By to Adherents

CHICAGO, Dec. 28—Preparatory to leaving for Australia John Alexander Dowie bade farewell to his Chicago adherents at a meeting in the auditorium yesterday. After an all-night "watch meeting" in Zion City New Year's eve Dowie will leave for New Orleans and will travel to San Francisco, via the Southwestern route, stopping at various large cities enroute. He intends to sail from San Francisco Jan. 11 and counts on being back in Chicago next June.

"I am going to leave everything in Zion City and not steal away with either the lace works or the temple," said Dowie. "That was a malicious lie about my wife taking away $7,000,000, but I'm foolish to deny it again. I will only take with me enough cash for spending money."

Several times in the course of his remarks Dowie spoke in a friendly manner of President Roosevelt, and in his prayer asked that Mr. Roosevelt's enemies be circumvented and forestalled in carrying out their mischievous plans.

PURSE OF GOLD

MR. JOHN P. BREEN REMEMBERED BY WEAVERS.

Mr. John P. Breen, the popular section hand in the Ingrain weave room of the Bigelow Carpet company, received a Christmas gift in the form of a substantial purse of gold from his weavers last Thursday evening. That Mr. Breen is held in high esteem by his weavers is demonstrated by the fact that for several years past he has received similar gifts. Mr. Breen thanked his weavers in a neat little speech.

SUES THE UNION

PLUMBER WAS ATTACKED AND BEATEN.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 28.—E. M. Black, a plumber who was attacked and badly beaten by union strikers for continuing at work after a strike had been declared, has sued the building trades council as an organization and individual members of the council for damages for assault. The purpose is to establish a precedent by holding labor organizations and individual members responsible for damages inflicted in furtherance of a strike.

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Holly, Mistletoe and the Christmas Tree Bequeathed to Us by Pagan Nations of the Distant Past

MANY there be who affirm that Christmas is not Christmas if the holly and the mistletoe be missing. From time immemorial both have been closely associated with the Yuletide celebration, and truly the deep green leaves and scarlet berries of the holly, combined with the sedate but more significant mistletoe, add zest to the enjoyment of the day. The Christmas plum pudding itself appears bereft of its best friend if it repose on the festal board minus a decorative garland of holly. Centuries of use and centuries of tradition have given the holly and the mistletoe the prominence which, in the eyes of those who know what an old fashioned Christmas means, they richly deserve.

Authorities are agreed that the use of both as a Christmas decoration is of great antiquity. In the case of the holly it is affirmed that it is probably the continuation of a custom which prevailed among the Romans of pre-Christian years, the old Latins holding the holly in such high esteem that it was woven into wreaths at weddings as a symbol of good will toward the newly married pair. The ancient Teutons also made a significant use of the holly, and the chances are that it was from them that the Christian idea of decorating the house with holly at Christmastide originated. They hung up in their dwelling places branches of evergreens, among which the holly predominated, as places of shelter for the fairies during the cold winter months. The superstition in certain districts that it is unlucky to bring holly into the house before Christmas eve is possibly a survival of this pretty pagan fancy.

All manner of superstitions, in truth, cluster about both holly and mistletoe. For instance, in the counties of Worcestershire and Hertfordshire, in England, sprigs of the holly which have been used in the decoration of the parish church are carried home by the head of each household and carefully preserved in the belief that they will bring good luck during the ensuing year. Another superstition is connected with an interesting peculiarity of the European holly, the fact that whenever the shrub attains the dignity of a tree the lower leaves alone exhibit sharp points, the upper leaves being "smooth and unarmed," as the poet Southey has put it. The simple people of the countryside call the smooth variety "she holly" and the spiny form "he holly" and aver that great care must be taken to see that the latter predominates in the Christmas decorations, else the head of the household will assuredly be its mistress, not its master.

The use of the mistletoe is commonly accredited to a Druidical custom, but antiquarians believe that, so far as the practice of "kissing under the mistletoe" is concerned, we must look further back, so far back, indeed, as the days of the ancient Babylonians, when a man who was lucky enough to catch a maiden under the mystic bough was entitled not only to kiss her, but to make her his wife. In this connection it may be said that there are very few who hang the mistletoe nowadays in the manner prescribed by ancient usage. Two hoops twined with evergreens should be suspended, interlaced, from the center of the ceiling or chandelier, while the mistletoe amid a cluster of small rosy apples hangs in the middle of the hoops. And it ought not to be forgotten, according to an old supersition, that bad luck will surely follow if the mistletoe fall from the place where it has been hung.

The primeval Britons looked upon the pearly berries as symbolic of purity and associated them closely with marriage rites. They also supposed them to be endowed with great medicinal virtue. In addition to having a sacred significance by reason of growing upon oaks, the tree which the Britons venerated. The gathering of the mistletoe at Yuletide was accompanied by much pomp and ceremony, the Britons, led by their priests, the Druids, marching in procession through the forests and offering up sacrifices of bulls and at times human beings when they arrived at the spot where the mistletoe was hanging in abundance. The boughs were then distributed as a gift from heaven to cure all ills and to insure the prosperity of the fortunate recipients.

The old time Teutons also revered the mistletoe, holding it as sacred to Balder, the sun god, son of the Scandinavian Venus, Freya. About it they wove a very interesting legend. Balder, it appears, predicted that he would soon be slain, and his mother, in alarm, made animals, plants and minerals swear not to injure him. Unluckily, she overlooked the mistletoe, and when this fact was discovered by Hoeder, the blind god of strength, he formed a pointed wand of mistletoe and with it pierced Balder to the heart, causing his instant death. Hoeder did not escape just punishment, for he was imprisoned in a cave with a serpent, perishing miserably. When he died, so runs the legend, the whole earth was shaken as by an earthquake.

Of the two the holly is used much more extensively as a Christmas decoration, if only for the reason that it is easier to obtain, especially in America. While mistletoe grows in this country, the berries are small, and the plant is not so well adapted to decorative purposes as is the imported article, which comes from England, Norway and France. It is expensive, crates, two feet square bringing from $5 to $25 apiece, according to the quality and size of the berries. Holly, on the other hand, grows abundantly in several sections of the country, the greater part of that employed for Christmas decorations being found in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Alabama. It is sold at retail by the branch and in wreaths, the wholesale price being $2 to $5 a crate, the quality of the berries and the freshness of the leaves being the determining factor in the price.

The Christmas tree itself, it might be added, has a romantic history. Its usage as part of the Christmas festival comes to us direct from Germany, but a similar festival with a tree as a component part is observed in many heathen countries and by some is said to date back to the days of the sun worshipers. The Chinese used to decorate a tree with lamps and place it in the royal audience chamber so far back as the third century before the Christian era, but the custom is now obsolete. A somewhat similar practice, however, may still be observed in Japan.

The custom of using candles on the Christmas tree is not associated with the Scandinavians and Norsemen, as is by some supposed, for the hardy men of the north did not possess such luxuries, contenting themselves with pine knot torches and the glow of their log fires. The candle custom may safely be ascribed to the Roman feast called the saturnalia, a feast in honor of the god Saturn, lasting sometimes for a fortnight and beginning about the 19th of December. During this celebration candles were employed not only for decorative and illuminating purposes, but as gifts from friend to friend, tokens of brightness, cheerfulness and good will.

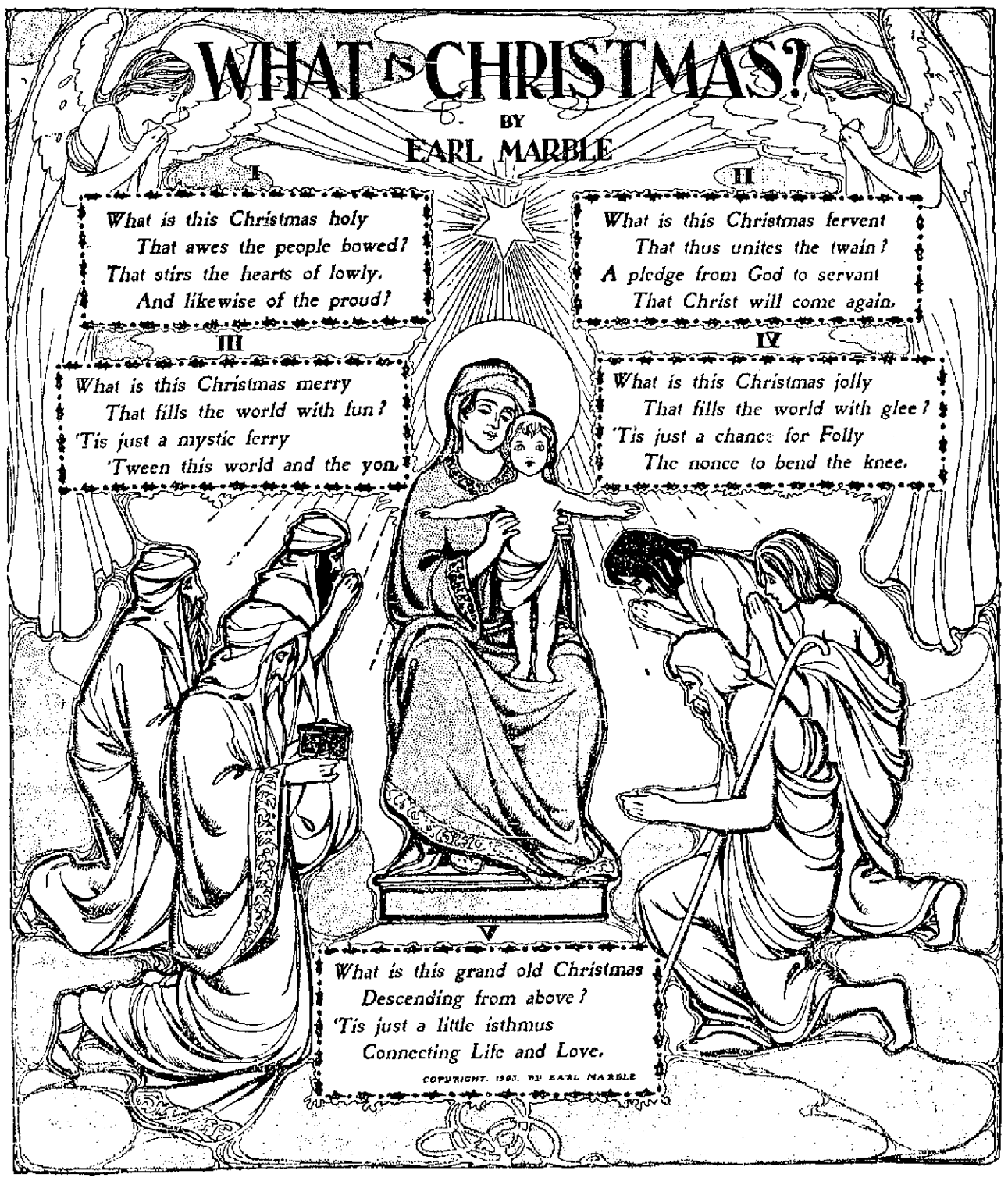
It is said that not less than 4,000,000 Christmas trees are used in the United States alone. Like so much else, they bring prices varying with size and quality, and while little fellows can be bought for half a dollar, the giants ranging from fifteen to eighteen feet high command as much as $50 apiece. These prices, of course, are city market prices, since in the country the Christmas tree can usually be obtained by going out into the woods and cutting it down.

It is interesting to note that the pagan origin of so many of our Christmas customs rendered them distasteful to many sects and denominations of Christians, and to this day there are not wanting those who object to the jollity that characterizes the celebration of the nativity. The followers of Calvin and the Puritans were especially strenuous in their opposition to the introduction of pagan ideas and would not tolerate the use of trees, evergreens and the Yule log. The pilgrim fathers themselves declined to recognize Christmas as a day to be set apart for rejoicing and on the Christmas of the year that they landed in America worked resolutely all day long at their accustomed tasks, glorying in their nonobservance of the superstitious customs that had been adopted by their fellow Christians.

It must not be forgotten that the early church fathers and missionaries themselves tried at first to induce the heathen among whom they labored to abandon their customs and festivals, but their efforts were vain, and, finding that the pagans would reject Christianity in toto rather than relinquish all that they held dear, the missionaries rightly deemed it wiser to permit the continuance of harmless observances which would not impede the progress of the work of spreading the gospel. Thus the customs themselves were enabled to survive, while the religions with which they were associated gradually died out.

So far as the actual celebration of Christmas itself is concerned, it appears to be a fact that it was not until about 400 years after the death of Christ that any one day was universally set apart by the Christian world to honor as his birthday. Indeed, a century passed after his death before there was any general attempt at a celebration. Then there was great diversity of opinion as to the day which should be observed. Some chose the 1st and others the 6th of January; others, again, thought that the proper day was in March, about the time of the Jewish Passover; still others observed the feast in September, on the same day as the Jewish feast of tabernacles. The 19th of April and the 20th of May were also observed in different communities as the birthday of the Saviour. With the beginning of the fifth century, however, it was generally accepted that the feast ought to fall on the 25th of December, and its formal establishment as the right day for celebrating the nativity followed.

CHANNING A. BARTOW.



A PECULIAR COMMODITY.

The exceedingly high prices often asked and paid for butterflies are rendered possible by the extreme uncertainty of the market. There is no means of knowing how long a butterfly will remain a rarity. It may continue unique for a quarter of a century or it may become common in the course of a few months. A case in point is that of a beautiful blue butterfly from Brazil. When the first specimens of this butterfly were sent to England years ago they sold readily for $50 or more apiece. Since then, however, collectors have sent it there in numbers, and the price has fallen to $1. Butterflies are by no means the only insects for which a market exists. Of late years private collectors have developed an interest in all kinds of quaint and curious creatures, such as scorpions, beetles and spiders. Perhaps the grandest insect known is the huge west African Goliath beetle. Sixty-eight years ago a writer described this remarkable insect from a single example preserved in the Hunterian museum at Glasgow. Today the insect is exported from the Kamerons literally by the hundred specimens packed in sawdust like grapes or oranges. The great size of these specimens—large ones measure as much as four and one-half inches from head to tail—has made them popular as curiosities.

LAZY ANGLERS.

Tambelan is one of a group of islands near the island of Rhio, which, like it, is under Dutch rule, and, being but a short distance from Singapore, the capital of the Straits Settlements, is frequently visited by holiday seekers and orchid hunters. The Malays are an indolent race. Here is a single instance: A man has made a few cents by bringing in a small quantity of orchids, and, intending to indulge himself with a good midday meal, we see him in the act of providing his own dinner. He places a stone beneath the shady umbrella of a pakis, or fern, tree, and, having tied two, or sometimes three, lines to his left toe, he falls serenely to sleep and perhaps before he expects it is disturbed by the tug of a fish. You may sometimes see two or three such anglers, but so indifferent are they, however, to the sport that from force of habit they have been known to snore away in placid obliviousness, while the fish they have hooked, or, rather, which have hooked themselves, have been seen dashing and splashing in the water before the natives have taken the slightest trouble to rouse themselves.

SARASATE YET IN HARNESS.

Sarasate, the celebrated violinist, will be sixty next year; but, though the raven curls of twenty years ago are now as white as snow, he has lost nothing of his marvelous skill. When taking his first prize at the Paris conservatoire many years ago he also received a piece of advice, "Sarasate, my son, wed thy violin, but never a woman," and, though some speak of a grave in a little cemetery near his native Pamplona, where his love lies buried, others declare that the master has simply followed out the rule given him thus early in life. At any rate he is still an eligible bachelor who has made $50,000 a year for many years past.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
5.45	8.50	6.00	7.04
6.32	7.40	6.30	7.26
a6.39	7.30	7.55	8.55
a6.42	7.35	8.25	9.01
a7.01	8.02	e9.00	9.37
ea7.24	8.10	e10.00	10.37
a7.31	8.50	a10.17	11.34
7.45	8.55	e11.30	12.07
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.56
9.40	10.40	e1.00	1.37
11.02	12.03	2.00	3.01
a11.45	12.25	e3.00	3.37
a12.14	1.00	a3.47	5.00
1.40	2.50	4.14	5.50
ea1.56	2.39	e5.00	5.37
a3.03	4.23	5.32	6.25
e3.47	4.30	a5.47	6.54
4.25	5.30	6.14	7.30
ea5.22	6.15	e7.30	8.08
a5.44	7.00	e8.30	9.03
ea6.22	7.05	10.30	11.34
ea7.29	8.10	11.20	12.22

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
6.50	8.00	7.30	8.34
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.39
9.25	10.39	10.45	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.08
12.08	1.32	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.57	3.36	4.55
2.30	3.35	4.59	6.50
3.10	4.10	6.01	7.06
3.55	5.04	6.35	7.48
5.06	6.43	9.39	10.40
6.15	7.15	B11.15	12.15
7.00	8.06		
9.25	10.30		

SUNDAY TRAINS

Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
8.15	9.27	8.00	9.17
10.05	1.24	12.00	1.09
4.05	5.18	5.00	6.37
5.30	6.56		
8.00	9.05		

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a8.39	7.30	9.00	10.00
a7.24	8.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.40	5.00	5.58
e8.20	10.15	e7.30	8.08
a4.25	5.30	e8.30	9.08
e5.58	7.00	9.00	10.02

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REV. FR. BLAIS RECOVERED.

Rev. Fr. Blais, O. M. I., the colonizing missionary from Manitoba, who had been ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. Gelinas, of Moody street, for some time, has sufficiently recovered to resume his work in the interest of colonization, and has left for Lewiston, Me., where he is lecturing in the interest of his cause.

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TO FINISH OUT THE YEAR

Street Department Turns Back $6000

Alderman Derby called a meeting of the appropriations committee to hear from a few of the heads of departments who are in need of more money with which to finish out the year.

The committee voted to recommend a loan of $36,000 approximately to carry the departments through the year. It will require nearly $10,000 more to meet the deficiencies, but several thousand dollars will be turned back into the general treasury fund from unexpended appropriations, the largest amount being $6433 from the street department.

When one of the spectators at the meeting heard Mr. Beals remark that he could turn back more than $6000 he remarked: "Humph! Pat Brady once turned back money and then got one vote on inauguration day for doing it."

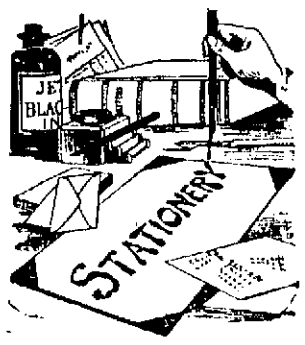
Alderman Derby seemed much worried lest Mr. Beals turn back more than he could afford, but the superintendent assured the committee that he had plenty of money.

Sec. Courtney of the pauper department asked for $8000 more. He said that while no license had been of benefit to his department, the explosion and the strike combined to increase the cost of the department several thousand dollars.

Supt. Conlon of the buildings department asked for $2000 in order to pay up this year's bills. His predecessor left bills behind him from last year which Mr. Conlon had to pay out of this year's appropriation, hence the deficit.

When all had been heard the committee voted to recommend a loan of $36,000.

The great game of Pit, at The Thompson Hardware Co.



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LOWELL LEADS

Still First in Basket Ball Race

HAVERHILL HAS REACHED SECOND PLACE

Springfield First in the Western League

Lowell still leads in the New England professional basketball league, but Haverhill has passed Concord in the race for second place and now leads that team by 24 points.

Concord started down the ladder when it met Manchester at Concord Wednesday night. For the first time in its history, the home team was defeated on its own floor, and the Queen City players might well feel proud that they were the first to turn the trick. The game was extremely rough, and at times resembled a football match, but Manchester was bound to win, which it did, 21 to 16. Devlin was largely responsible for his team's fine showing, throwing six goals from the floor.

Haverhill started to climb on Christmas, when it took a double-header from the Concord aggregation. The afternoon game was won by the score of 24 to 14 and the evening game 26 to 15.

The reverses met earlier in the week evidently stirred up the Concord players, for when Lowell played there Saturday night the home players treated them unmercifully, defeating them 61 to 12. Kane and Tighe played in fine form, securing nine and eight goals respectively.

The leaders played in good form, winning three of five games. Tuesday Manchester was defeated at Lowell, 32 to 15, and the following night at Haverhill the home team was defeated, 41 to 10. A double-header was played with Manchester on Christmas. In the afternoon at Lowell the home team had to play its limit to win, the score being 20 to 16.

C. H. Bassett, a member of the champion Camden, N. J., team, played center for the visitors. He was pitted against Cairns, and the home player had the best of the argument. In the evening, however, at Manchester, when the home team trimmed the leaders, 35 to 20, the new man showed to much better advantage, scoring four goals to his opponent's one. Healey was largely responsible for Manchester's victory, as he played a whirlwind game, securing seven goals from the floor.

Manchester broke even in the six games played, while Haverhill took two out of four.

With the exception of Lowell, the teams are close together, and a very few games would shake up the standing. Haverhill will have a hard week.

Lowell and Manchester will meet twice this week, and, judging from the game the latter is playing, the leaders will have to play their hardest to get an even break.

Manchester has cut down Concord's lead in points scored, but is still well in the rear. In the number of points scored the standing is as follows: Concord 558, Manchester 481, Lowell 405, Haverhill 371.

Nine men are now over the 30 mark in goals from the floor, Kane of Concord having a big lead over the rest. He has 81, Tighe and Herron, his teammates, have 48 and 37 respectively; Allard of Lowell 48, Healey of Manchester 43, Devlin of Manchester 42, Field of Lowell 36 and Doyle of Haverhill 33. The standing:

	Won	Lost	Pc won
Lowell	13	5	.650
Haverhill	11	11	.500
Concord	10	11	.476
Manchester	10	15	.400

SPRINGFIELD LEADS.

Springfield regained the lead in the Western Massachusetts basketball league last week, defeating Chicopee twice, Ware and Westfield were also beaten, while the latter team and Chicopee lowered the leader's colors.

Chicopee, after her brilliant playing of a week ago, seemed to get over-confident and lost five of the seven games played.

Ware, by winning three games and losing three, exchanged places with Westfield. Ware had victories over Chicopee, Westfield and Holyoke to her credit, while Northampton, Springfield and Holyoke were successful in lowering her colors.

Westfield seems to have gone stale, and only won two of the six games played, although one of those was from Springfield.

Holyoke and Northampton played the best ball of any of the teams last week. Holyoke won four of the six games played, while the Meadow city quintet split even with three games won and lost. Holyoke numbers among her victories two over Northampton and one from Ware and Westfield, while the latter and Northampton were the only teams to defeat Holyoke.

Northampton won from Ware, Chicopee and Westfield, while her defeats were received at the hands of Chicopee and twice from Holyoke.

In the number of points scored Springfield still leads with 291; Northampton has 237, Ware 222½, Chicopee 208½, Westfield 185½, Holyoke 142½.

THE STANDING.

	Won	Lost	P. C.
Springfield	12	5	.706
Chicopee	11	7	.611
Ware	9	9	.500
Westfield	9	10	.474
Holyoke	7	10	.412
Northampton	6	12	.333

LOWELL DEFEATED.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 28.—The leaders in the basket ball league were defeated Saturday evening in a one-sided game, 54 to 12. Concord put up the best game of passing, dodging, blocking and floor work ever seen in the home cage and was accurate in basket throwing. The Lowells were played to a standstill and were outplayed throughout the periods. Kane has regained his eagle eye and secured nine baskets, and Parson Tighe followed with eight baskets to his credit. Herron played a good game and McMahon, a new man for Concord, distinguished himself in aggressive work. Captain Stewart was in the game every minute. Summary:

CONCORD		LOWELL
Stewart	rf	lb O'Neill
McMahon	lf	rb McKinnon
Kane	c	c Cairns
Herron	rb	lf Abbott
Tighe	lb	rf Allard

Score—Concord 54, Lowell 12. Goals from floor—Kane 9, Tighe 8, Herron 3, Stewart 2, McMahon 2, Allard 3, Abbott, Cairns. Goals from fouls—Concord 3, Lowell 2. Referee—Hill. Scorer Leighton. Timers—Berkett and Gray. Time—Three 15-minute periods. Attendance—200.

CAPTAINS PUT OUT.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 28.—The Haverhill basketball team defeated Manchester at city hall Saturday evening, 27 to 16, the work of Kelliher and Doyle of the locals being the prominent feature. Capt. Harrington and Capt. Qualey were put out of the game by the umpire on account of a little trouble and the last period was played with four men teams. Line-up and summary:

HAVERHILL	MANCHESTER
Harrington rf	lb Qualey
Lew lf	rb Healey
Doyle c	c Devlin
Kelliher rb	lf Donnelley
G. Lynch lb	rf Lynch

Score—Haverhill 27, Manchester 16. Goals—Kelliher 4, Doyle 3, G. Lynch, Harrington, Lew Donnelly 3, Healey 3, *Lynch. Fouls—By G. Lynch 7, Harrington 3, Lew 3, Kelliher, Lynch 9, Qualey 3, Devlin 2, Healey, Donnelley. Points from fouls—Haverhill 5, Manchester 4. Referee—Connors. Timers—Smith and Driscoll. Time—Three 15-minute periods. Attendance—600.

*Scored for Haverhill on account of Lynch's mistake.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

Haverhill is in second place and is pressing Lowell hard. The Haverhill bunch will be in Lowell tomorrow night with all kinds of money to bet on their team.

The Chicopee-Ware game on Christmas ended with Ware playing five men to Chicopee's three.

Ed Wachter of the Ware team refereed the Ware high school-Alumni game Saturday afternoon.

In the Chicopee-Springfield game Saturday night every member of the first-named quintet succeeded in scoring.

Lynch of Manchester, who has been out of the game for some time, was again in the lineup Saturday night at Haverhill.

The New England league and Western league are having some trouble over Horan. He has signed with Haverhill of the former league, but will not live up to his contract.

It has been a question in the New England league which team would be the first to defeat Concord on its home floor. Now that the tailenders have broken the ice it is up to the others to follow.

"Long Tom" Riley of Ware and "Moxie" Keegan of Worcester played with the Sacred Hearts of Spencer against the St. Jeromes of Holyoke last week and each gave a good account of himself.

Young Morris of New York, who has played several games with Ware this season, played with the Sacred Hearts of Spencer last Saturday night in a game with Leominster. He threw 12 baskets, while his opponent was able to reach the net just once.

The following is a list of the highest scoring man on each of the teams in the Western Massachusetts league: Fogarty of Northampton 68, Mathews of Springfield 62, Zanger of Westfield 52, Wachter of Ware 36, Evers of Chicopee 29, Mathieu of Holyoke 29.

DEAD IN BED

MRS. LENA STEARNS FOUND BY BOY SHE ENTERTAINED.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Lena Stearns, 29 years old, wife of Frank H. Stearns, was found dead at her home on the Banfield road Saturday afternoon.

The night before two young lads living in the neighborhood were at the house and played games, leaving Mrs. Stearns apparently as well as ever. Saturday afternoon one of the boys called at the house and not seeing anyone about he investigated and found Mrs. Stearns lying in her bed dead. Medical Examiner Lance pronounced her death due to heart trouble.

WEAK HEART

Life Prolonged Many Years When Heart is Faithful

HEARTS OUT OF TUNE

The Principal Cause of So Many Sudden Deaths and Suicides.

Mr. F. S. Haskell, residing at 212 Tenth street, Lowell, Mass., says: "For years I have had trouble with my heart and have suffered considerable with rheumatism. If I performed any kind of heavy work such as mowing, lifting extra heavy loads or any kind of manual labor requiring much exertion, my heart used to fail me. I would always feel the bad effects of weak heart after running, walking hurriedly, etc. I never was so entirely free from my rheumatic troubles as I am today, and my heart and nerves are in fine condition. I consider Dr. Bartlett's Vital Force the finest medicine in the world to build anyone up. It built me up as no other medicine could do, and I have spent many dollars experimenting with all kinds of remedies. I feel as though I could not say enough for this wonderful medicine, and shall always recommend it." (Signed) "F. S. Haskell, 212 Tenth street, Lowell, Mass., Dec. 24th, 1903."

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MURPHY'S CHOICE

McClellan May Run for President

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Democratic politicians do not look with favor upon the idea that Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany hall, will be able to make Senator Patrick McCarren chairman of the next democratic national committee. Southern democrats who are spending the holidays here say Senator McCarren is practically unknown except in New York, and that his sporting proclivities are also against his selection. They hold that no man conducting a campaign should be in any wise subject to personal attack.

Some of the democrats are inclined to see in the statement that Leader Murphy wants McCarren made national chairman, the formation of a plan to urge the nomination of Mayor-elect McClellan for the presidency.

Practically all agree that if a New York man is nominated for the first place Mr. Murphy may be able to force the selection of Senator McCarren as chairman of the national committee. They will oppose him for such place, unless he is the choice of the nominee for president. Senator Gorman's friends say if he is nominated for the presidency Senator McCarren will certainly not be chairman of the national committee.

Nothing can be done looking to the reorganization of the national committee until the next national convention. It is a foregone conclusion that ex-Senator James K. Jones of Arkansas will not be the chairman of the committee. Senator Stone of Missouri has a strong desire to be at the head of the next national committee, but recognizes that the Bryan influence will no longer dominate the committee and that his chances are slight. In the event of a New Yorker being nominated for president by the next national convention, many of the members of the committee will recommend that Senator Gorman be put in charge of the campaign.

ALICE WEPT

BECAUSE POLICE CHEATED HER OUT OF A DRINK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Weeping as if her heart was breaking, one of the 11 women, who, with five men, were arrested in a resort in Mulberry street Saturday night, was asked sympathetically by Magistrate Ommen in the Tombs police court yesterday what was the cause of her tears.

"I had just ordered a drink when the cops came and took me away," she replied.

"What is your name?"

"Alice Ben Bolt."

Turning to one of the men prisoners the magistrate asked: "Where are you from?"

"The Promised Land," was the answer.

"Six months on Blackwell's Island for all of you," snapped the court.

GREAT PROGRESS

ON PLANS FOR NEW CHURCH IN CENTRALVILLE.

John H. Beaulieu presided over a meeting of the French citizens of West Centralville, interested in the new church in that vicinity. The committees on banquet and collections reported great progress.

ARM FRACTURED

LITTLE BOY FELL DOWN STAIRS AND INJURED.

Harry Lyons, aged ten years, residing at 96 Washington street, while coming down stairs this morning slipped and fell, his left arm being under him when he fell, resulting in a fracture and dislocation of the left wrist. He was taken to the Emergency hospital where his injury was dressed.

NEW ARC LAMPS.

The old-fashioned gas lights in the Merrimack street depot were taken out this morning and the new style gas arc lamps have been placed in position. Heretofore the place has been very dark, but the new lights make it much brighter.

LINEMEN BUSY.

Linemen are busily engaged today removing the cross trees and sawing down the telegraph poles in Middle street.

Monday, Dec. 28, 1903

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15c to 98c

CHILDREN'S CHAIRS

A few left. All at half price,

25c to 50c Each

GLASS WARE

We received too late for our Christmas trade a crate of pretty glass ware, including pitchers, vases, fruits, salads, spoon trays, cake plates, etc. They were to be sold from 15c to 39c.

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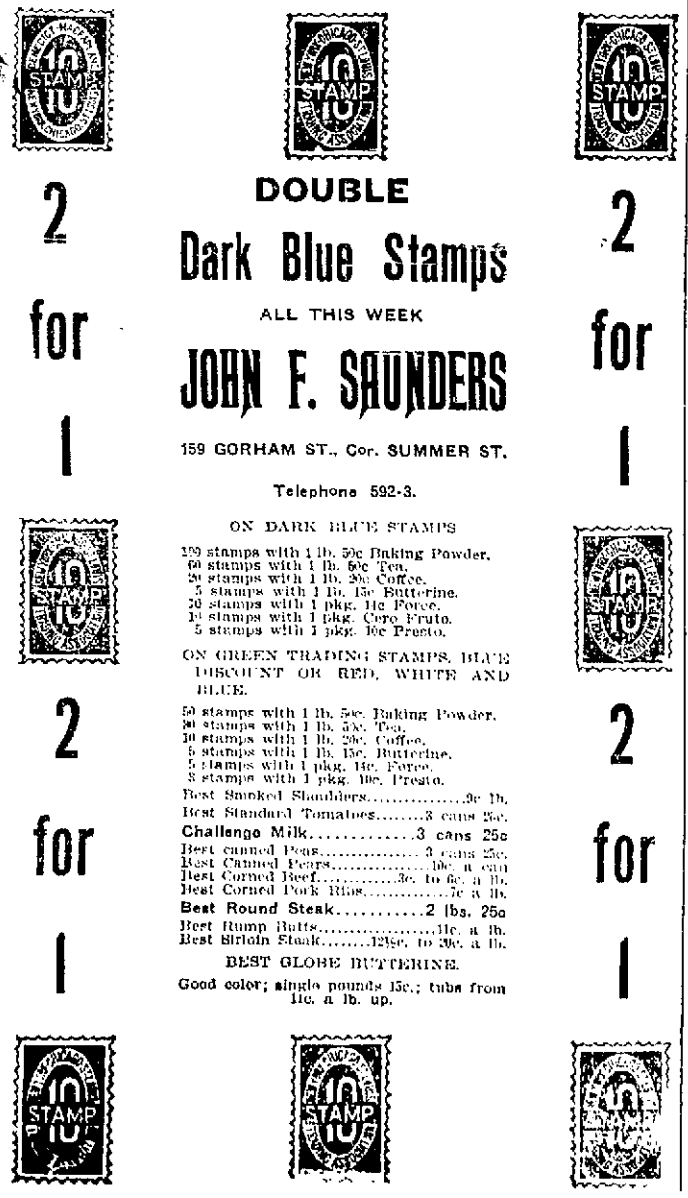

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SUN LATEST

FIVE O'CLOCK

A NOVEL SCHEME

Tenement Dwellers to Operate Mills

SKILLED WORKERS ENGAGED TO TRAIN THEM

Model Villages Will be Established

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—A plan to operate a chain of cotton mills in North Carolina by tenement dwellers of this city, taken there and trained by a few skilled workers, is being evolved by men here interested in the cotton business. If their scheme is carried out it will result in the establishment of a self-sustaining charity which will take hundreds of women and children from the dirty, overcrowded slums of the city into a healthy country life, with cottages and schools.

Work on the first mill at Marshall, near the Biltmore estate, is to begin in a week or two and a mill of 15,000 spindles is expected to be ready early in July. It is planned to establish on the nearby hills a model village of five-room cottages which may be purchased at the rate of $1 a month. A company store selling all the necessities at an increase of five per cent. over cost, together with schools and churches, will be established.

STRONG PROTEST

AGAINST DEPORTATION OF JOHN TURNER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—A resolution has been adopted by the Central Federated union to call a mass meeting for the purpose of protesting against the deportation of John Turner, an English anarchist who is now held at Ellis island.

All central labor unions in the country are to be appealed to for support in the matter and will be asked to aid in an effort to secure the repeal of the law under which Turner is being held up by the immigration officials. Delegates who addressed the meeting declared that the law in its present form has the opposite effect of that desired.

FATALLY WOUNDED

CONDUCTOR SHOT BY STRANGE MAN.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28—Joseph Dries, 50 years old, conductor on an "Owl" car, was shot and probably fatally wounded today by a stranger. The men had quarrelled over the issuance of transfers. The stranger escaped.

HAYES' JOKE

SAYS HE AND ADAMS ARE ONLY REAL LABOR MEN.

A little party of statesmen and politicians were discussing labor matters and labor men at city hall this morning when Councilman James Hayes, who for the past week or so has been out of work, spoke up and said: "Talk about labor men, Cecil Adams and I are the only two real labor men in the city council. We've reduced our hours of labor from nine hours a day to none at all."

"FAKE" INAUGURAL

MAYOR HOWE'S REAL INAUGURAL ISN'T FINISHED.

Mayor Howe laughed heartily this morning when informed that a local paper had already published what purported to be a portion of his inaugural address.

Said His Honor: "I wish conditions were such that the inaugural address could be finished a week ahead. Under the charter the fiscal year closes with the calendar year and hence all facts and figures are not available until the last moment."

The "inaugural" was a fake, pure and simple.

SHEEPMEN KILLED

FEUD BETWEEN CATTLEMEN AND SHEEPMEN.

GLOBE, Ari., Dec. 28—Two sheepmen near the Gisela settlement have been killed as a result of a feud between cattlemen and sheepmen. The victims were a young man named Berry and a Mexican. The crime occurred at Brush Hollow in the Tonto basin, the scene of the famous feud. Two suspects are under arrest.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION MEETING.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28—The annual meeting of the American baseball association began here today. The circuit will remain the same as last year, with clubs at Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Columbus, Louisville, Kansas City, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Toledo.

H. L. THOMAS DEAD.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Henry L. Thomas, for 34 years translator in the state department, died today at his residence in this city, aged 68 years, of pneumonia. Mr. Thomas was a man of exceptional ability and was one of the most valued employes of the state department.

GREAT ICE BRIDGE.

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 28—Many persons made a trip today over the ice bridge that extends across the Hudson river here. For the first time this season the river became frozen over yesterday. The ice is six inches thick.

McNAMEE DEAD

He Feared That Negroes Would Kill Him

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 28—Pursued by a fear of 21 years that death awaited him at the hands of a negro, Frank McNamee, who was at the head of the syndicate that stole more than 60 negro bodies from the Lebanon cemetery in this city, has been found unconscious at Fifth and Walnut streets with his skull fractured. He died a few hours later.

Owing to the fact that McNamee is supposed to have aroused the deep enmity of negro lot holders who lost relatives in Lebanon cemetery, the police are investigating, but thus far have found no trace of his slayer.

McNamee was arrested for the grave robberies at the Lebanon cemetery and sent to prison for two years. When he left the prison he was followed by negroes bent on killing him. For years he lived in a state of constant terror and regretted ever having left prison.

BURNED TO GROUND

THE BENNETT MANSION COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—The Bennett mansion in the southern portion of Brooklyn was burned to the ground today. Charles Bennett has asked the Fort Hamilton police to investigate the cause of the fire.

The mansion was one of the largest and most costly buildings overlooking the Narrows. Charles A. Moss, a banker, vacated it Dec. 1, and since then the house has been unoccupied. While the firemen were thawing out the fire hydrants the building burned to the foundation stones. The damage to the house and furnishings is $25,000.

MILLS RUNNING

UNION MEN ARE AT WORK TODAY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The Bloom and Open Hearth mills of the International and Steel Co., at Indian Harbor, were running with union men today for the first time in nearly two months. The 900 members of the amalgamated iron, tin and steel workers, who struck because of a decrease in wages, and were debarred from work because of their membership in the union, finally reached an agreeable compromise with the company. About 400 were put back to work today and the remainder expect to be at their old stations tomorrow. The slab mill was not ready when the time came for resuming operations and the reinstatement of a majority of the men was delayed on that account. The workmen go back at a reduction of ten per cent.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

WILL HOLD THEIR MEETING WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The cemetery trustees will meet at City Hall Wednesday evening with John L. Stevens holding over as a member.

DUMMER STREET

WILL COME UP AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Both branches of the city council will meet at City Hall tomorrow evening. The Dummer street extension loan is among the matters to come up at the meeting.

WORK RESUMED

AT THE DELAWARE & HUDSON COLLIERIES TODAY.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 28.—Work was resumed at all the Delaware & Hudson company's collieries today and will be continued until Friday, when there will be a two days' suspension. The Ontario & Western company started up its washeries today and all of the individual operators resumed mining.

SCHOOL BOARD

WILL MEET AT CITY HALL THIS EVENING.

The school board will hold its December meeting tonight at City Hall.

ON THE WARPATH

SERI INDIANS ARE RAIDING RANCHES.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28—A dispatch from Hermosillo, Mex., says:

The Seri Indians, who occupy Tiburon island in the Gulf of California, have gone on the warpath and according to information received by the military authorities here the savages are raiding ranches and committing depredations on the mainland. The Seris are said to be cannibals and are known to be the fleetest runners in the world.

JUDGE JOHNSON

REFUSED TO APPOINT A RECEIVER FOR INVESTMENT CO.

MEDIA, Pa., Dec. 28—Judge Johnson today refused the application of the Investment company of Philadelphia for the appointment of a receiver for the Tidewater Steel company of Chester. Judge Johnson said the statement of the officers of the Tidewater company showed the company to be solvent and he does not consider it wise to interfere.

IN POLICE COURT

Carpet Stretcher Was Charged With Larceny

HE WAS FOUND GUILTY AND FINED

Many Old Timers in Court Today

Did John Bigas tamper with an Egyptian pocketbook and steal $10 belonging to James Stewart McGreggor, proprietor of the Quincy house in Lee street?

Judge Hadley struggled patiently with this question in police court today. Bigas was engaged in laying carpets in a parlor at the Quincy house and it was up to the court to find out if Bigas had had exclusive opportunity. The pocketbook was in the parlor, on a bureau, when Mrs. McGreggor found it the money was gone and the wallet was in a bureau drawer.

From the preponderance of evidence submitted the court finally satisfied himself that Mr. Bigas was alone in the parlor for about three minutes between 3.30 and 4 o'clock and in view of this fact the defendant was found guilty and a fine of $20 was imposed.

A STUBBORN CHILD.

Ovid Lemars, 15, charged with being a stubborn child, was continued to next Friday. Ovid was arrested by Officer Lamoreaux in Little Canada, Saturday evening. The boy lives in Ward street and his parents declare that he is very stubborn.

PLACED ON PROBATION.

Annie Chadwick, the woman that was arrested in company with her seven-year-old son in Merrimack street, both drunk, a few evenings ago, appeared in court today and was placed on probation for six months after the suspension of a jail sentence.

Her husband told Judge Hadley that he would like to have his wife at home, and he told the court that he would look after her. To the probationary term extended to Mrs. Chadwick a warning was subjoined by the court.

SLAPPED HER SISTER.

Because Vulata Silva wouldn't board with her sister, Candila Silva, the latter turned upon her in the street, slapped her in the face and choked her. The case came up in police court today and Candita pleaded not guilty of assault and battery. The court, however, was satisfied that an assault had been committed and Candita was ordered to pay a fine of $6.

KEEPING LIQUOR.

Cornelius Mahoney, charged with illegally keeping liquor had his case continued to December 31.

FOR DRUNKENNESS.

George Boisvert, 17, Massachusetts reformatory; James Roberts and Frank E. Thorpe were fined $6 each; James Danahy, state farm; Richard Holleran was fined $5; seven first offenders were fined $2 each and six were released.

CASE CONTINUED.

John H. Flynn, charged with drunkenness and larceny, pleaded not guilty and his case was continued to Thursday morning.

TWO TURKEYS.

Louis Crapeau, alias Whipple, charged with the larceny of two turkeys asked for and received a continuance to Wednesday morning. He was ordered to recognize in the sum of $300.

FISHERMEN SAFE

THEY WERE LOST ON THE FISHING GROUNDS.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 28.—Four men from the fishing schooner Appomattox, who were lost on the fishing grounds during the gale Saturday afternoon, arrived here today on the schooner Ralph Russell. They were picked up by the Russell while battling with the terrible seas and icy wind in the little dories on the Banks.

The two other men of the Appomattox crew who were hauling trawls when the storm broke Saturday and who were reported as missing when the schooner came in had landed safely during Saturday night.

KILLED HIS MAN

VAN HOUTEN FIRST ASKED WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28—After failing to induce the district attorney to issue a warrant for the arrest of the man whom he alleged had alienated his wife's affections, David Van Houten, a farmer, went to a saloon and without warning killed Albert Young, one of the proprietors. Van Houten escaped.

THE POPE'S CHOICE.

ROME, Dec. 28—The pope has issued of his own accord a note on the subject of sacred music in churches in which he recommends the Gregorian chant.

WAS NOT IMMUNE

Doctor Took Diphtheria From Patient

Dr. P. E. Sullivan, the hard-working ambulance surgeon, is ill at his home in Jefferson street with diphtheria, having caught the disease, it is believed, from a patient whom he attended.

Dr. Sullivan took sick on Christmas eve but was about his work up to yesterday when he was taken down with symptoms of diphtheria and a culture taken at that time this morning showed the existence of the germ.

Dr. J. E. Leary will take his place on the ambulance during his illness.

BOSTON IMPORTERS

PROTEST AGAINST DISCONTINUANCE OF RELEASE BOND.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The meeting of the importers of Boston at the chamber of commerce today to protest against the discontinuance of the so-called "release bond" was looked forward to with unusual interest because Secretary of the Treasury Shaw has promised to be in Boston tomorrow in connection with the same subject. By the use of the "release bond" the importers have been able to obtain their goods on arrival without waiting for the total appraisement. It has been a great convenience. Its abrogation by order of the treasury department has already been characterized by the directors of the chamber of commerce as a hardship altogether unnecessary.

OUTPUT OF SHOES

HAVERHILL FELL OFF IN THIS INDUSTRY.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 28.—The output of shoes for the current year in this city was less than last year, the total number of cases being 444,356, as against 449,226 last year, a difference of 4870 cases. Manufacturers, however, refuse to admit that the city is losing as a shoe centre, but point to many reasons for the difference in the yearly outputs. In the J. B. Winchell & Co. factory alone the difference in total output can be accounted for. This factory was closed for a month during the summer, something unprecedented in the history of the factory, and the firm claims that over 5000 cases were lost for this season. The labor troubles early in the year also badly crippled several local factories. Last year there was a good run of business the entire year and no labor troubles to interfere with the work in the factories. It is estimated that the average case in this city contains 40 pairs, and this would make a total of 17,794,240 pairs made in this city last year. Manufacturers estimate that the amount of business this year is close to $40,000,000.

SOLDIER'S BODY

WILL BE SENT TO THIS CITY FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

It is expected that the body of Private Charles McCaffrey of this city, who died in the Philippines, will arrive in this city during the latter part of this or the first of next week. Mrs. Sarah McCaffrey of St Bartlett street received a telegram from the military authorities at San Francisco yesterday stating that the body of her son would soon be here.

The deceased was a member of the marine service and died on the islands a year ago last September. Bodies are retained for a year after death and then sent to the United States.

REV. JOSEPH ALGUE S. J. HERE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28—Rev. Joseph Algue, S. J., director of the Manila observatory and an attache of the United States weather bureau has just arrived here on the steamer Siberia on his way to St. Louis, in charge of the scientific portion of the Philippine exhibition at the exposition. He is accompanied by Roman Trinidad, a Filipino assistant and August Fuster, an artist.

VICE CONSUL ARRIVES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28—John McLean, vice consul of the United States at Yokohama, has arrived here on his way to Washington on official business. He expects to return to his duties in Japan during the latter part of March.

DISTILLERY BURNED.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 28—The elevator of the Corning Distillery was entirely destroyed by fire today.

CHESS TOURNAMENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—In the twelfth annual intercollegiate chess tournament which will be held here this week, the opponents this afternoon will be Columbia against Harvard and Yale against Princeton. Teams of four men each from these colleges are entered, the drawing of opponents for today resulting as follows:

G. W. Tucker, Columbia vs. E. W. Brideman, Harvard; L. P. Carr, (C) vs. K. Schroeder, (C); F. Marshall (C) vs. Q. A. Brackett (H); G. T. McClure, (H) vs. J. Tolchinske (C); L. M. Schoonmaker, (Princeton) vs. E. B. Adams, (Yale); A. Sandford (Y) vs. T. C. Mowry, (P); W. M. Mead, (P) vs. E. B. Hall, (Y); Fred H. Palmer, (Y) vs. P. M. Brasher, (P).

In the second round to be contested tomorrow Columbia will meet Yale and Harvard Princeton, while on Wednesday Columbia will match with Princeton and Harvard with Yale.

RUSSIA'S GAME

Czar Plans to Postpone Trouble With Japan

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—The consensus of unofficial opinion among those associated with the government but not responsible therefor, is that the czar is so peacefully disposed that he will make such concessions to Japan as are necessary to prevent war, provided no unforeseen events force the hands of the governments concerned. At the same time his majesty, it is pointed out, agrees with those who believe that preparation for war is the best safeguard of peace and that apparent willingness to allow matters to be submitted to the test of arms, is more likely to lead to a satisfactory compromise than an exhibition of overmuch peacefulness. This unofficial opinion, however, believes the controlling party in Russia regards Korea as necessary to the consolidation of Russian interests in the far east, and therefore, is determined to prevent the peninsula falling into Japanese hands and that any concession Russia now makes to Japan will be only with the object of deferring the difficulty until a more seasonable time.

There is not likely to be much difficulty in finding money in case of war. A foreign loan on acceptable terms is probably impossible; but the Russian banks and merchants have ample funds on which the government could draw.

One reason why the British alarmist news fails to convince the Russians is the perfect understanding here of the benefits Great Britain derives from a continuance of the strained situation. It was known here a year ago that Great Britain was planning to occupy Thibet and extend the railroad to a point in the Yangtse valley which is reachable by gunboats from the sea. Great Britain's forward movement at this time excites both admiration and rage, the former for the clever political move, the latter because Russia is so preoccupied in the far east that she is unable to prevent Great Britain from creating her own Manchuria in the Yangtse provinces. It is pointed here that the present situation affords Britain the same opportunity as actual war between Russia and any third power.

MARINES SAILED

On Their Way to Colon

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., The auxiliary cruiser Dixie sailed from the League Island navy yard en route for Colon, carrying 600 marines and five months living and fighting supplies for 1000 men. Six companies of marines divided into two battalions, sailed on the Dixie.

Company A, is composed of men from Boston; Company B, Washington; Company C, Annapolis; Company D, Philadelphia and Companies E and F, Brooklyn.

COUNT TOLSTOI

GLAD TO HEAR BRYAN IS NOT A SOCIALIST.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 28—William J. Bryan arrived here today from Berlin and visited the foreign minister. Mr. Bryan is enjoying his tour. He said he found Count Tolstoi looking well though very aged. Tolstoi's first question was: "Are you a socialist?"

When assured to the contrary, the count said,

"I am very glad to hear it. I am not a socialist myself."

DEATHS

LAMBERT—Marie Rose Lambert, infant daughter of Eugene and Alvina, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her parents, 48 Winter street.

FITZGERALD—Winthrop F., son of Charles H. Fitzgerald, died Saturday at the residence of John L. Moore in North Tewksbury. The deceased was 16 years of age.

CLARK—Mrs. Sarah E. Clark, well known in this city, died Saturday at Indiana, Pa. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Horace E. Carmault, of this city, formerly a well-known teacher, and one son, Frank S. Clark of Walpole, formerly of this city. The remains will be brought to Lowell today.

DREW—Sarah Drew, aged 73 years, and 8 months, died last night at her home in Westford. She was the widow of the late Greenleaf Drew, and is survived by one son, Frank of Westford.

GILL—Henry Gill, aged 42 years, died suddenly yesterday morning at his home, 12 Moody street. The deceased was well known in this city having been a resident for the past 20 years. He was employed in the spinning room of the Tremont and Suffolk mills and was a popular member of Court Garin, F. of A.

He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and a son, George.

DUMAINE—Henri Dumaine, aged 21 years, died yesterday morning at his late home 558 Suffolk street. The deceased was found dead in bed by his sister when the latter went to call him in the morning. He is survived by a mother, Mrs. Alphonsine Dumaine and three sisters, Mrs. Delia Renout of Manchester, Mrs. Clara Pratte of Fall River and Miss Annie Dumaine of this city and one brother Louis of Fall River.

ROWEN—Estelle M. Rowen, aged 1 year and 1 month, child of James and Ida, died [illegible] at the home of her parents, [illegible] avenue, off Coburn street.

The funeral took place this afternoon and the interment was in the Catholic cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker Thomas J. McDermott.

WAGES REDUCED.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 28—The reduction of wages at the Trenton plant of the American Bridge company which was announced sometime ago, went into effect today. The one per cent. reduction is in the cases of men who receive less than $1.50 a day. Those who receive above that amount have been reduced from 10 to 20 per cent. The men have submitted to the new scale. Seven hundred employes are affected.

THE WEATHER

Local forecast: Fair tonight; colder; Tuesday somewhat warmer; fresh to brisk westerly winds.

NARROW ESCAPE

From Asphyxiation by Goddu Family

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goddu and their 13-year-old son, residing at 7 Clark street, narrowly escaped asphyxiation by coal gas at their home Friday night. Before retiring they filled the sitting room stove with coal and evidently forgot to open the chimney draft. During the night an explosion occurred, which blew out the stovepipe cap in the parlor wall and the escaping coal gas poured through the aperture, soon filling all the rooms down stairs.

When Mr. Goddu attempted to arise Saturday morning he fell unconscious to the floor. His wife, though conscious of his condition, found herself unable to get out of bed. Mr. Goddu recovered in a few minutes, and dragging himself to the window threw it open, allowing the gas to escape. The little son was also found to be in a bad way, but the fresh air soon revived all and they recovered as the day grew, though not without suffering from headaches and dizziness.

Two other members of the family who slept upstairs escaped the effects of the gas.

MATRIMONIAL

The marriage of William Boissoneault and Miss Aurore Leblanc took place yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory, Rev. Fr. Graton, O. M. I., performed the ceremony. Mr. Adelard Leblanc was best man and Miss Laura Dion was bridesmaid.

PAQUIN—COURTEAU.

Mr. Arthur Paquin and Miss Fabiola Courteau were married yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory, Rev. Fr. Lamothe, O. M. I., being the officiating clergyman. Messrs. Octave Courteau and Trefle Paquin attended the contracting parties.

MERCIER—BEAULIEU.

Yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory Mr. Camille Mercier of Boston and Miss Georgia Beaulieu were married, Rev. Fr. Audibert, O. M. I. performing the nuptial rites. The groomsman was Mr. Orestes Landry and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Graziella Beaulieu.

DELISLE—LEPAGE.

The marriage of Mr. Cyprien Delisle and Miss Edwiede Lepage was solemnized yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory, Rev. Fr. Audibert, O. M. I., performing the ceremony. The witnesses were Messrs. Francis Fontaine and Antoine Delisle.

LAJEUNESSE—BARBER.

Mr. Olympe Lajeunesse and Miss Sarah Barber were married yesterday afternoon the witnesses to the ceremony being Messrs. Wilbrod Lalole and Maxime Lafortune. Rev. Fr. Campeau, O. M. I., gave the nuptial benediction.

STEWART—HOYT.

Orrin H. Stewart and Elizabeth A. Hoyt of New Brunswick were married at the home of the bridegroom in Maynard, Mass., Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. W. A. Morang of this city.

SMITH—HOSMAN.

George H. Smith and Miss Winnie J. Hosman, both of this city, were united in marriage Dec. 27, by Rev. J. F. Allen.

A Great Fight

Age and you seem to be having a terrible struggle. It's ten to one you will get whipped—unless you do something. Restore color to your gray hair with Ayer's Hair Vigor. You will look twenty years younger, and your fight with old age will be over.
J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

LOST—Pocketbook between High and Keene streets. Return to Miss Donnelly, 17 Keene street.

GEORGE GARDNER

Ready to Tackle Jack Munroe

The Manchester Union today has the following:

George Gardner, of Lowell, Mass., formerly a Manchester boy, who on Thanksgiving eve stayed the limit with "Lanky" Bob Fitzsimmons, in their twenty-round bout at San Francisco, but was decided against him, came to Manchester yesterday to put on the finishing touches for his coming bout with Marvin Hart, which will be fought before the members of the Criterion Athletic club of Boston one week from tomorrow night.

Gardner will do his training at Point Breeze, Massabesic, and visited the training quarters late yesterday afternoon. His brothers, Billy and Jimmy and Charlie Hughey of Lowell, are here with him and will assist him in getting into proper form.

George never looked better in his life than he does today, and last evening stated to a reporter that he was feeling tip top. He says that he will begin work today, and expects to enter the ring with Hart in perfect condition. He will take no chances while training and is confident that he will come out victor in his clash with Hart, who today is considered one of the toughest propositions wearing the mits.

After meeting Hart, Gardner will tackle Jack Monroe, the old Butte City miner, who had the distinction of putting Champion James J. Jeffries to the floor, and who is now endeavoring to get on a match with Jeffries.

"If I put both of those fellows away I will be given another chance at Fitzsimmons," said Gardner, "and I am going to whip both of them to a standstill."

Concerning his bout with Fitzsimmons, Gardner says that he wants nothing better than another go with the Cornishman, and then will show the public the kind of stuff he is made of. I can beat Fitzsimmons and will do it when we come together again," said the big fighter.

"Have you any excuse to offer for your defeat by Fitzsimmons?"

"Well, all I have got to say for myself is that I was overtrained when I entered the ring," answered Gardner. "Three weeks of training was too much for me and spoiled my chances of winning. Then, again, I was too confident. This helped Fitz win out about as much as anything."

Gardner's bout with Hart will be awaited with interest by sporting people all over the country, and especially by his army of admirers in this city and Lowell. His career in the ring has been without a blemish, never having "faked" a fight.

His rise to fame in the fistic world has been meteoric. Only a few years ago he was hardly known outside of this city, where he trimmed all comers. Gardner removed to Lowell with his family in 1898, and it was shortly after that that he gained a wide reputation as a clean, fast, hard hitting pugilist. It was not long before he attracted the attention of Tom O'Rourke and was under his management for a time. Owen Kenney (second) of this city took George across the ocean with him a little after he took up Lowell as his place of residence, and there he put down and out a few of the wise ones.

One of his best bouts was with Jack Root, the Chicago terror. He knocked him out squarely and then gave Root a chance to regain his lost laurels, but the latter was unable to withstand the sledgehammer blows of the Lowell boy and went down to defeat a second time. Gardner is only 24 years of age.

BLAMES THE MOB

NICOLOZZO SAYS THEY SHOT HIM.

RUMFORD FALLS, Me., Dec. 28.—Francesco Nicolozzo, the Italian confined in the police station charged with causing the death of Carr Gullo, Christmas eve, has recovered from the effects of the bullet wound in his head so as to answer a few questions. His condition, however, would not permit his arraignment in court. Nicolozzo claims his wound was inflicted by the mob who surrounded his shanty. It was at first supposed Nicolozzo fearing the vengeance of the crowd had attempted to take his own life. He says the Italians after the stabbing gathered around the shanty and endeavored to kill him. Further than this he has nothing to say about the affair. Francesco Vappalars, the third Italian injured, is recovered from the effects of the knife wound in his side.

A Boston Italian, supposed to be the father-in-law of Carro Gullo, the dead man, has been notified. If nothing is heard from him the body will be sent to the Maine medical school.

ARMY SUPPLIES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28—Nearly a trainload of army supplies, hospital tents and blankets have arrived here under rush orders, having been expressed by the government from Omaha to the superintendent of the transport service in this city.

R. W. & B.
DIVIDEND DAY
Next Tuesday

Owing to the great holiday rush we will be unable to check up all books on Tuesday and have decided to extend the time until Jan. 1. Dividends may be had at either Cook, Taylor & Co.'s stores, or at this office.

Red, White and Blue Trading Stamps Co.
ASSOCIATE BUILDING

MISS UPTON, clairvoyant, card reader, business medium, 81 Merrimack street.

WANTED—Strictly first class upholsterer at once, none others need apply. Reynold's, 27 Palmer street.

WANTED—A housegirl. Mrs. Amos, 150 Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

THE SUN LATEST 5 O'CLOCK

AS FROM THE DEAD

Hull's Volunteer Life Savers Returned Home

HULL, Dec. 28.—Welcomed back as from the dead, greeted by every man, woman and child in Hull, the lifeboat Nantasket, bearing Captain Osceola J. James and his crew of eight men, came rolling in from the sea at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, after 17 hours' absence on an errand of mercy, fighting the winds and waves to rescue the crew of the fishing schooner Allen H. Jones.

Since 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, when the lifeboat was pushed through the raging surf, no word had been received from the gallant Hull crew, and through the village the alarm was sounded that the men had been lost.

Anxious men, sleepless women and children had watched all night in an agony of despair for news of the life savers, and the most glorious sight Hull ever saw was when the lifeboat came bounding over the waves home again yesterday morning.

Other brave men had forstalled the Hull crew in the work of rescue, but they had a story to tell of danger and hardship, daring and courage which carried them through the mountain seas and home again.

All Hull stood on the beach and cheered Capt. James and his crew, Capt. Joseph Galliano, Louis Galliano, William R. Mitchell, J. Lester Law, James D. Dowd, Jr., Andrew Pope, Andrew Pope, Jr., and Walden Smith, members of the Humane society volunteer life savers.

Men crowded around to hear their story; women who were all night in an agony of fear kissed husbands and sons in an ecstacy of joy at their return.

It had been a terrible night for Hull as well as for the men out at sea.

All night the volunteer crew remained on the schooner Jones, while the ship, tossed about by the heavy seas, threatened to go to pieces every moment.

THE CALL FOR AID.

In mid-afternoon Saturday the Jones was sighted from Hull flying signals of distress.

Captain James saw her plight. She was off Black Rock, six miles from the life-saving station.

Captain James called his crew. They had been expecting trouble along the coast and were ready.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the lifeboat, manned by the crew of nine men, was hauled out into the boiling surf.

Three attempts were made to launch her. Each time the waves caught her like a cockle shell and tossed her in the air. She shipped gallons of water and men had to haul her back.

Finally a fourth attempt was successful. The boat got sheer of the shore and off she started on the long voyage.

The men were sturdy oarsmen and they shoved the boat through the heavy seas.

The waves were mountain high. Nantasket has not seen so mighty a sea this season.

HARD WORK TO REACH CRAFT.

Progress was desperately slow. The boat kept shipping water, which was baled out as fast as it came in.

The wind was terrific. Great gusts would kick the sea into a maze of spray as the boat dashed through the waves.

Bitterly cold as the weather was the spray froze on the men's coats and coated the boat.

For three hours the Hull crew kept up the hard battle. Every little while some tremendous wave would catch the boat and toss it high in the air and then down it would come with a bang in the hollow of the sea.

In less expert hands the boat would have been swamped. But these men had tasted danger before, and they kept to their work.

At about 7 o'clock, exhausted, half frozen, coated with ice, the men drew alongside the schooner.

They were ready to row back with the rescued men.

But when they clambered over the side of the schooner they learned that their work was in vain. Other men had forestalled them, and Captain Bandura informed Captain James that the Cohasset crew had taken some of his men ashore and that he and the remainder of his men were going to stay by the schooner.

Captain James and his men, disappointed in the work of rescue, were going to turn back to Hull. But it was getting dark and the seas were getting heavier. Besides, the men were exhausted and nearly frozen.

They feared for the safety of Captain Bandura and his men, who had no way of escape if the schooner should go down in the night.

So the volunteer crew decided to remain and stand by the schooner.

There was no sleep for any of them. The vessel was cold and ice-covered.

All night long, though the anchors held her, she pitched, tossed and shivered.

The life-saving men were ready to abandon her at the moment she showed signs of foundering.

Each man was at his post all night.

The ship, however, proved staunch, and the anchors held in spite of the wild storm. But banged and buffeted about by the waves, she threatened often to go down, keeping the men ready at a moment's notice to launch the lifeboat. When the dawn came out of the sky the sea went down.

START FOR HOME.

Then Captain Bandura decided to try to make Boston. Aided by Captain James and his crew sail was hoisted and the anchors hauled up.

The start for Boston was made and then Captain Bandura thought that he and his men could make port all right unaided, though Captain James and his men volunteered to remain with the ship if necessary.

When the schooner was abreast of Hull the lifeboat was dropped overboard and Captain James and his men started for the shore they had left 16 hours before.

At just 9 o'clock in the morning the wearied, frost-bitten men reached the shore again.

Last night Captain James and his men were the heroes of the hour. All Hull is sounding their praise, for braver work in a storm has rarely been made.

WILLING TO DIE

So Her Husband Murdered Her

STRANGE STORY TOLD POLICE BY ROSE

Child Watched Over Mother's Body

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 28.—Frank Rose, a young barber, called at the police station yesterday and quietly informed the officer in charge that he had killed his wife on Christmas day, that her body was still lying in her bed at his home, where he had shot her.

The police thought he was crazy, but after placing him in a cell they went to the house to investigate. There the woman's cold body was found lying on the bed, and by her side was her 2-year-old baby boy, its little clothes saturated with blood. The child, although it had been in the room two bitterly cold nights and a day, was still alive and promises to suffer no serious harm from the awful experience. When the police burst open the door they found the child with its little arms around its mother's neck.

"I can't wake mama up," said the baby.

According to the man's story, Mrs. Rose had confessed that she had been unfaithful to him, and when he suggested that he kill her she really consented to pay the penalty.

Here is the story Rose told to the police:

"We went to bed at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon Friday and got to talking about the life we were leading. I wanted my wife to quit sporting around and she said she couldn't. I said to her: 'Well, there's only one way to stop it, and that is for me to kill you.' 'All right,' she said, 'I'm perfectly willing you should. I'm perfectly satisfied to die and quit this life. It's the only way I can stop it.'

"She said if I left her, she would follow me all over the country and have me put in jail for non-support, and would rather die than do that. So I got my pistol from under my pillow and shot her.

"I got up and dressed and she lay on the bed an hour and a half, struggling and kicking before she died. She asked me to put the baby in her arms, and said she was glad I had shot her and asked me to kiss her goodby.

"After she was dead I went down town and began to drink. I went back that night and next day."

He was asked why he had not made a clean job of it by killing himself at the same time, and he said:

"Oh, I'd fix her, and I thought I'd let the other fellows fix me."

Rose continued his story by declaring that after he killed his wife he dressed and left the room, locking the door. Friday night and Saturday afternoon he returned to the house, taking the child two slices of bread on each occasion.

"I left the child to watch over the body," he added.

Rose came here from St. Louis two months ago. He is 26 years old. When he was arrested he was partially intoxicated. Doctors who examined Rose say he is not insane.

Mrs. Rose was 26 years old and handsome.

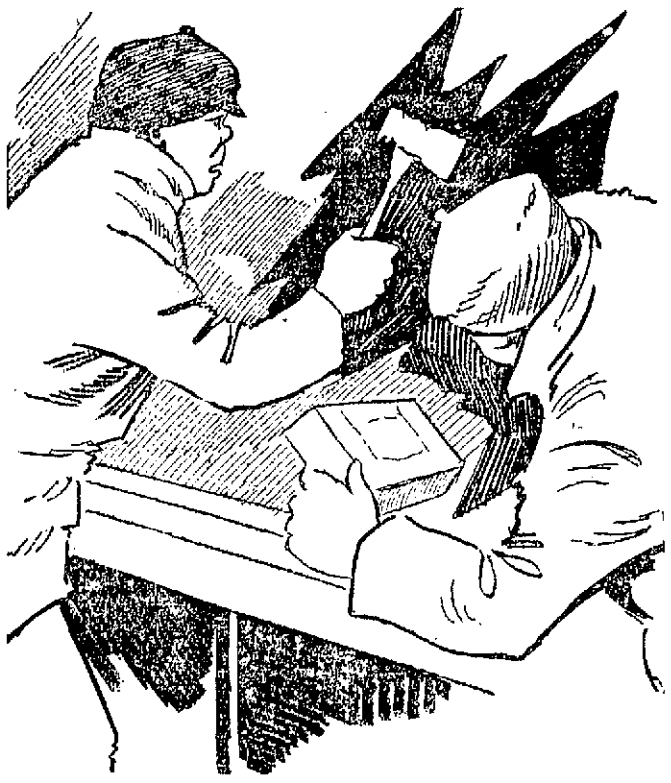
"I killed her because she had ruined my life, and I am ready to pay the penalty," Rose declared late last night.

BOWLING NEWS.

A close and well contested game was pulled off on Les Miserables alleys Saturday night when the Ramblers and the Settlers got together. The former won by the small margin of four pins. The Ramblers won the first string by 20 pins, and lost the second by 11, and lost the third by two pins, but their margin in the first string was enough to insure a win. Hall of the winning team made a single string total of 112, while his three string total of 277 was the best made during the evening. The score:

Ramblers—Perrin 257, Hall 277, Carr 240, Cartier 240, Hope 231; total, 1245.

Settlers—Marsden 268, Rigby 240, McGrail 238, Moran 252, Simpson 243; total, 1241.



BURGLARS BREAKING INTO THE POST OFFICE AT BILLERICA CENTRE.

ANOTHER BREAK

Burglars at Work in Billerica

Billerica is about to be policed as it was never policed before. Two burglaries have been committed at the centre within the last fifteen days and the people of that erstwhile quiet and unburglarized hamlet are crying for better police protection.

Last Friday night the postoffice was broken into and several dollars worth of tobacco and cigars was stolen. The thieves gained entrance through a window on the north side of the building. They used a hatchet in removing a pane of glass and left the hatchet behind them.

Owing to the call by the citizens for better police protection, the selectmen issued new orders which went into effect Saturday night. Until further orders by the selectmen the streets of Billerica Centre and of North Billerica will be patrolled between the hours of 11 p.m. and 4 a.m.

IN MANY PULPITS

Sunday Services in Local Churches

"At Ease in Zion," was the subject of a sermon by Rev. Ralph Gillam at the First Congregational church yesterday.

In the evening the annual Christmas concert by the Sunday school was given before an audience that crowded the large vestry. The musical program was under the efficient direction of George Fish, with Miss Lillian John on accompanist.

The superintendent and teachers in the various departments had general charge of the affair. The following scholars took part in the exercises:

Hazel Cockerline, Walter Sanborn, Mildred Chapman, Alma Staples, Phillip Richardson, Maud Smith, Norman Roberts, Vera Morton, Harold Wilson, Donald Hanson, Wilbur Richardson, Robert Wonall, Aubrey Hunt, Ray Bartlett, Irene Richardson, George Smith, Dorothy Bergstrom, Harold Bartlett, Hanna Bakewell, Russell Smith, Cora Smith, Winthrop Osgood, Howard Robinson, Eugene Cote, Lucy Fish, Jamie Fish, Charles Hodgman, Harold Glover, Gladys Kimball, Dorothy Bergstrom, Winfield Hanson, Gladys King, Arthur Ecclestone, Annie Fletcher, Alice Leith, Mabel Sullivan, Belle Robinson, Marion Gott, Ruth Blanchard, Lurene Burns, William Liddell, Eddie Bean, Alice Putnam, Jamie Fish, Gracie Conrad, Cathleen Wright, Ruth Sawyer, Lucy Fish, Irene Cockerline, Mabel Wilmot, Gertrude Wehinger, Elwin Edwards, Nellie Bakewell, Earl Corkerline, Sarah Bakewell, Mattie McGroty, Edna Hollis, Dorothy Carley, Thirza Curtis, Ralph Gillam, Jr., Frank Sweatt, Gladys Ireland, Gracie Honston, Fred Lang, Clarie Robinson, Leah Livermore, Mildred Melvin, Helen Flack, Edith Don, Addie Vogel.

"Christmas in All Lands" was the subject of the Christmas concert of the Fifth Street Baptist Sunday school last evening, under the direction of the superintendent of the school, Roscoe H. Thomas. The children who took part in the program were: Esther Geddes, Esther Thomas, Ruby Smith, Edith Polk, Hazel Vinal, Ethel Brownsward, Laura Thomas, Jessie Campbell, Annie White, Eva Thompson, Daisy Jackson, Jennie Shaw, Myrtle Gordon, Gladys Merrill, Myrtle Mellen, Gladys Plumstead, Margaret Parke, Emma Steady, Cora Waterman, Helen Fox, Ethel Foots, Ina Gregg, Marion Brown, Grace Collins, Flora Mowatt.

Primary recitations by Barbara Walker, Helen Campbell, Laura Cressy, Elsie Smith, Flossie Cutting, Sarah Cowdell, Tillie Holmes, Eva Birchenough, Marion Harley, Norman Brownsward, Walter Wilson, Fred Cressy, Herschel Clough, Lloyd Wiggin, Perry Wiggin, Barbara Davis, Lucy Lyon, Helen Sargent, Harriet Thomas.

Miss Ada Jasper and Miss Maud Pratt sang solos and Lottie and Marion Jackson sang a duet.

The Christmas music at the Kirk street church yesterday, was repeated. Rev. George E. Martin, D. D., spoke on the text: "But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart."

At the session of the Sunday school, the following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Henry A. Smith; superintendent of the primary department, Miss Belle F. Batchelder; secretary, Harry W. Dunklee.

The Christmas exercises of the Sunday school will be held on Wednesday night.

At the Y. M. C. A. yesterday, Rev. John D. Pickles, Ph.D., of Boston spoke on the subject, "The Gospel's Appeal to Manly Men." Mr. Leon E. Baldwin of the University quartet, Boston, sang gospel hymns.

Rev. G. H. Holcomb, pastor of the Unitarian church of Tyngsboro, was the preacher at the union service of the liberal churches, held in the First Universalist church. He spoke from the text: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness."

The First Universalist church received yesterday as a Christmas gift, in addition to the pulpit furniture, in the shape of a black walnut stand, very rich and churchly in design. It was presented by Mrs. T. C. Entwistle, in memory of her deceased husband, who was a faithful supporter of that church.

At the Centralville Methodist yesterday morning the pulpit was filled by Rev. John Pickles, Ph. D., of Boston, a brother of the pastor. A Christmas concert took place in the evening.

Rev. T. Clayton Welles preached forcibly upon "The Passing of the Year," at the Highland Congregational church last evening.

A Christmas tree was enjoyed Saturday and a concert given yesterday at the Faith street mission.

With the exception of the sermon preached by Rev. Robert F. True, the Christmas services were repeated at the Immanuel Baptist church yesterday.

INAUGURATION DAY

INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT THIS WEEK.

Invitations to the inauguration exercises to be held on Jan. 4 will be sent out this week and several hundred of Mayor Howe's friends will receive them. Judge Hadley will administer the oath of office and Rev. Dr. Martin will offer prayer. City Messenger Parlee will decorate the aldermanic and councilmanic chambers.

MAN WAS DEAD

He Fell Down Flight of Stairs

HE HAD BEEN DRINKING WITH FRIEND

Police Have Detained the Latter

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—David Bostorum, 32 years old, who lives at 180 Northampton street, ran into the City Hall avenue station about 5.40 last evening from his tailor shop at 13 Province street, and said that a man was sick in that building. Patrolman Gallivan and Kilgreen were sent there and found a man, who has not yet been identified, lying with his feet on the second flight of stairs, and his head on the floor in a pool of blood.

Bostorum said he didn't know the man, but had met him casually at a hotel nearby; the two had come to his place to look at samples and the man had fallen downstairs. The police, however, are holding Bostorum until a further investigation can be made.

The unknown man was dead when he got to the hospital, and the body was taken to Briggs' on Howard street. The medical examiner will perform an autopsy today.

The police are inclined to believe everything that Bostorum says, as he seems to be telling a straightforward story. The two met in a second-class hotel near Bostorum's tailor shop, which is on the third floor at No. 13. They happened to sit at the same table and struck up a conversation, in which the unknown man told Bostorum of being married and having buried five children. He gave the tailor the impression that he was a machinist, and said that his name was Keefe.

Bostorum got to talking business and his friend assented to go and look over some samples of goods, and after purchasing half a pint of whisky they went to Bostorum's shop. They sat there for a while and nearly finished the liquor and then started out.

They went down one flight and then the stranger stopped and went back up that flight, according to Bostorum. When he had nearly reached the top, as the tailor tells it, he toppled over backward and fell down the stairs, striking his head, probably, on the edge of a step. When the tailor saw that he was unconscious, he went back to the hotel and asked the proprietor to telephone the police, but on the advice of the hotel people he went himself to the station.

The officers found the man lying on his side at the foot of the stairs with his head resting on the floor and his feet and legs on the stairs. He was hurried to the hospital, but the physicians said he was dead.

Bostorum said the man had told him his name was Keefe, and he wasn't sure, but thought he had said his first name was "Con." He hadn't told him anything about his place of business or residence. A slip of paper was found in his pockets that read "Call at Cudby, 6th street, Bassidy, corner of 6th and D street, South Boston." He had $2 and some change and an Ingersoll watch. He was about 45 or 50 years old, 6 feet tall and weighed 220 pounds. He was dark complexioned, with mixed gray hair and stubby mustache, and was bald on the top of his head. He wore a black frieze overcoat, dark striped undercoat, dark checked trousers and vest, fleece-lined underwear and black derby. He had a deep wound over his right eye, and it is thought that his skull was fractured.

FUNERALS

LEAR—The remains of George Davis Lear were forwarded to Portland, Me., this morning. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, two sons, George and Lawrence, two daughters, Edna and Isabelle, and one brother, Wm. H. The bearers were Messrs. George Burns, James Tracey, Winfield Montgomery, John Hanley. John J. O'Connell & Co. had charge of the funeral arrangements.

FINNERTY—The remains of the late Michael J. Finnerty were consigned to their final resting place in the Catholic cemetery this morning. The funeral took place from his late home, 76 Magnolia street, off Varnum avenue, at 8.30 o'clock, and proceeded to St. Patrick's church in Suffolk street, where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. Fr. Callahan. The choir under the direction of Mr. Fred G. Bond sang the Gregorian mass and during the service appropriate selections were rendered by members of the choir.

There was a profusion of beautiful and appropriate floral offerings in evidence showing the esteem in which the deceased was held by his many friends and acquaintances, the following being the most prominent: Spray of palms, inscribed "Father," from the family of the deceased; sheaf of wheat, inscribed "At Rest," from Elizabeth and Mary Sherry; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols; spray of asters Frank George. There was a delegation present from the Holy Name society of St. Patrick's church of which the deceased was a prominent member, and the bearers were Messrs. Andrew Shanahan, James H. Fleming, James Kennedy, James Langan, Michael McDermott and Patrick McGrath. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Callahan. The funeral was under the direction of Undertaker C. H. Molloy.

PALMER—The funeral services of Miss Laura J. Palmer were held yesterday afternoon from the room of Undertaker Molloy at 3 o'clock, Rev. Smith T. Ford being the officiating clergyman. Later the body was forwarded to Bangor, Me., for burial by Undertaker Molloy.

HOLT—The funeral of Mrs. Ida Holt took place from her residence in Billerica Centre yesterday afternoon and burial was in Fox Hill cemetery in charge of Undertakers Young & Co. Rev. Mr. Nevins conducted the services at the house.

BENGERON—The funeral of Henri Bergeron took place Saturday from his home, 148 Cushing street, the requiem mass being sung at 8 o'clock at St. Joseph's church. Rev. Fr. Amyot, O. M. I., officiated. The bearers were Charles Lerebvre, Benjamin Joyal, Geo. Bergeron, Jeffrey J. Cosette. The body was entombed at St. Joseph's cemetery. Undertaker Albert had charge.

BALLS—The funeral of Andrew J. Balls was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of his parents, 80 Adams street, and was largely attended. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery in charge of Undertakers O'Donnell & Sons.

SEETON—The funeral of the late Robert B. Seeton was held from his home, 30 Third avenue, yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives. Impressive services were conducted at the Pawtucket Congregational church, Rev. E. R. Smith, the pastor, officiating. Appropriate hymns were sung by a quartette consisting of the following named: Mrs. O. R. Park, Mrs. B. R. Wood, Lewis Mason and John McLaren. Mr. Frank B. Hill presided at the organ. The bearers were Samuel H. Harvey and William E. Grady, representing the local order of Elks, George Gordon, and Peter Caddell, representing the Scottish Clans, and Alonzo H. Vining and John J. McManmon, representing the Pawtucketville fire department. Lowell lodge, Knights of Pythias, was represented by a delegation and they performed their services at the grave in the Woodbine cemetery in Pawtucketville. The floral offerings were profuse. Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck had general charge of the funeral arrangements.

McPADDEN—The funeral of Stephen McPadden was held yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, 236 Methuen street, and burial was in the family lot in the Catholic cemetery in charge of Undertaker Molloy.

LEMKE—The funeral of Frank Lemke took place from the home of his parents, 10 Stanley street, yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock and burial was in the Edson cemetery. Undertaker C. H. Molloy had charge.

CHALOUX—The funeral of Dorothy V. Chaloux took place Saturday from the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chaloux, 610 Chelmsford street. The funeral services were held at St. Joseph's church. Rev. Fr. Lewis, O. M. I., was the officiating clergyman, assisted by Rev. Fr. Nolin, O. M. I., and Rev. Fr. Graton, O. M. I., as deacon and sub-deacon.

The choir, under the direction of H. A. Racicot, gave the harmonized mass of the dead. The bearers were Messrs. Hermisdas Vallerand, Louis Hebert, Euclide Vallerand and Wilfrid Chaloux.

Burial was in the family lot in St. Joseph's cemetery. Rev. Fr. Audibert, O. M. I., recited the committal prayers at the grave. Undertaker Albert had charge.

NEVINS—The funeral of Christopher Nevins took place Saturday afternoon from the rooms of Undertakers O'Donnell & Sons and at 3 o'clock services were conducted at St. Peter's church, Rev. Fr. McDermod officiating. The bearers were James Finnigan, John Conway, Thomas Brown and John H. McAnney. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery in charge of Undertakers O'Donnell & Sons.

LEGGETT—The funeral of Mrs. Alice M. Leggett occurred Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late home, 111 Beach street and was largely attended. Rev. Orville Coats officiated and in his remarks made mention of the self-sacrificing spirit, always shown, and the kindly greeting with which Mrs. Leggett always met people. There was a great profusion of floral tributes sent by sorrowing friends. Mrs. B. B. Hart, Mrs. Birge Day and Messrs. George Sturtevant and Melvin Eames sang "My Heavenly Home is Bright and Fair" and "Sleep On Beloved." The bearers were Messrs. R. B. Thomas, Samuel McCord, Channing Wilkins of Worcester and Blake Coats. Burial was in the Edson cemetery. Undertaker C. M. Young in charge.

McGREEVY—All that was mortal of the late Michael McGreevy was consigned to its final resting place in the Catholic cemetery this morning. The funeral took place from the late home of deceased, 13 Burns street, at 8.30 and was largely attended by sorrowing friends and relatives.

The cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church, where a mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Fr. McDermod. The choir under the direction of James E. Donnelly rendered Schmidt's mass. At the offertory the "De Jesu" was sung by Miss Mollie Ivers and at the conclusion Mr. Donnelly rendered "No Cross, No Crown." As the remains were carried from the church the full choir sang "Rest, Spirit, Rest." Mrs. Josephine McKenrick presided at the organ. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful, among them being: A sheaf of wheat from family; large spray from the employes of E. D. Smattuck, and a large wreath from the firm of Collins & Gallagher. The following close friends of deceased were the bearers: Thomas McNiff, James Conney, Palmer Duffy, John Ward, Peter McNiff and Michael Dolan. At the grave Rev. Fr. McDermod read the committal prayers and the interment was under the direction of Undertakers J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

HE FAILED AGAIN

Cuban Wonder Obliged to Forfeit

At the Academy of Music Saturday night Bouldin, the Cuban wonder, again lost money, for he attempted to throw Frank Heidke and William Ladue in 15 minutes and failed dismally. On Christmas night he tried Ladue and failing to throw him in 15 minutes forfeited the $25.

Ladue wrestles Paul Sweeney, the Nashua heavyweight, in O'Donnell hall, Nashua, tonight and a special car for Lowell sports will leave Merrimack square at 6.30. Quite a number of Lowell people will go up.

Ladue would like a match with Charlie Reinecke and will post a forfeit for appearance with this paper. Ladue and Reinecke will make the best bout ever seen here as there is a professional rivalry between them and not the best of feeling. Hence, if they meet, their work will be the genuine article.

WILL BE FLOATED.

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., Dec. 28.—Much progress has been made even under bad weather conditions in repairing the hull of the Sturin line steamer Erastus Corning, ashore on Copps rocks and it is likely that at low tide tomorrow the craft will be pumped out and floated. The wrecking company expects to tow the steamer to New York on Wednesday.

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NEW YORK CITY

May Get the National Convention

ST. LOUIS OUT OF THE RUNNING

Kansas City Not to be Considered

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Democrats in and out of Washington are beginning to give much consideration to the matter of deciding upon a city in which to hold the national convention of the party next year. The convention city is, of course, to be determined by the democratic national committee, which will meet here on Jan. 12, but the opinion of prominent democrats who are not members of the committee will have some weight in influencing the selection.

Until recently Chicago has been looked upon with favor, but the fact that the republicans have decided to meet there caused many democrats to think of going elsewhere. The democratic convention will probably be held about one week after the republican gathering meets, or on June 28.

The democrats do not feel that they want to be made the tail of the republican kite and come trailing along a week after their opponents have met, and take up with their leavings. Chicago will, of course, "spread" itself to entertain the republican delegates and has agreed to put up a bonus of $75,000. In consequence the democrats might not fare as well by going there as if the city was to be host for only one political gathering. The high hotel rates demanded are another objection to Chicago.

ST. LOUIS NOT IN FAVOR.

St. Louis having failed to capture the republican convention will make an effort to induce the democrats to gather there, but its attempt is not likely to be rewarded with much better success than the offer to entertain the republicans. The reason the democrats do not want to go to St. Louis is the same as that which caused the republicans to look with disfavor upon the World's fair city.

Kansas City is not likely to receive any better consideration if it makes an offer. Democrats remember the fate of the party which followed the convention held in that city in 1900. Then western sentiment predominated, and a western man was to be renominated, but now eastern sentiment is regaining control, and it is almost certain that an eastern man is to be the nominee. So it is contended that some eastern city would be better than a far western city as a place for holding the convention.

Within the past few weeks there has been a notable trend of sentiment toward New York city. The metropolis presents every possible advantage for holding the convention. The question of railroad facilities, hotel accommodations and a hall for the convention do not enter into consideration when New York is mentioned. It has everything in this respect that could be desired. The question as regards New York turns upon the political significance of holding the convention there.

MUST CARRY NEW YORK.

New York is a great democratic city, situated in a state which the democrats honestly believe they can carry next November, and which, in fact, they must carry or certainly lose the election. A convention of democracy in New York, besides having a beneficial effect upon the Empire state, it is argued, would stiffen the party in the neighboring states of New Jersey and Connecticut, and even in Delaware and Rhode Island, and the democrats will make a determined effort to win in these states next year.

What the effect of holding the convention in New York would be upon the aspirations of the leading candidates for the presidency is a matter difficult to determine. There are several New Yorkers under consideration, Judge Parker, of course, being the most prominent, with Mr. Hearst perhaps a good second. Mayor-elect McClellan "mentioned" and Ex-Senator Hill always a candidate.

Senator Gorman's friends maintain that he is as strong in New York as he is in Maryland, and that his chances would, therefore, be as good in the metropolis as anywhere, unless Baltimore should be chosen.

PRETTY ACTRESS

BROUGHT VENGEANCE ON HEAD OF WOMAN SHE HATED.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Grace DeWolfe, a decidedly pretty actress, left Syracuse for her home in New York yesterday morning after having brought vengeance on the head of the woman she hated. She was a member of the Rhea Lorraine theatrical company, which played last week in Geneva. Monday she was arrested upon a warrant sworn out by Miss Lorraine, the manager and leading woman, alleging that Miss DeWolfe had deserted the company after having her expenses paid in advance. Yesterday the trial came off and the actress was discharged. She at once swore out a warrant for Miss Lorraine's arrest, charging malicious prosecution, and it was served during the progress of the show. The leading woman fainted and the performance came to an abrupt end.

The prisoner, in a hysterical condition, was taken to the home of the sheriff for the night, while Miss DeWolfe boarded a train for Syracuse. Miss Lorraine will probably be arraigned today, and as no one is likely to press the charge she will probably be discharged.

LETTER OF SYMPATHY

TO MINISTER WHO SAID HE WAS STARVED.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 28.—The Rev. S. B. Dunn, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, whose statement before the Boston Presbytery at Waltham that he had been literally starved into resigning, was published recently, preached his farewell sermon last night, and at its conclusion was much surprised when the Rev. Charles J. White, D. D., pastor of the Universalist church, read the following letter of sympathy:

Woonsocket, Dec. 27, 1903.

The Rev. and Dear Brother S. B. Dunn: The Protestant pastors of this city take this occasion of your resignation of your pastoral office among us to express their heartiest esteem for you personally, their admiration of your Christian bearing under most peculiarly trying conditions, and their very highest satisfaction in your ministry as marked by the traits of a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. Your loyalty to your church, your indefatigable labors in its behalf, your sympathy and co-operation with all the Catholic body of Christ, your aid in all philanthropic endeavor, has made us all your debtors. We assure you of our loving regard and best wishes wherever you may go. We venture to commend you to the confidence of all Christian people as a manly man, equipped in scholarship, and endued with the spirit of the Master—a workman of whom none be ashamed.

Craving the abundant blessing of God upon you and yours, we subscribe ourselves. Yours in Christ.

C. J. WHITE, pastor of the First Universalist church.

J. C. ALVORD, pastor of the Globe Congregational church.

E. C. RAMETTE, of French Baptist church.

MRS. EMELINE TUTTLE, pastor of Friends' church.

W. ASHTON THOMPSON, rector of St. James' Episcopal church.

FRANCIS H. SPEAR, pastor First Methodist church.

C. H. FARNHAM, pastor of the Advent church.

RATHBONE SISTERS.

At the annual meeting of the Rathbone Sisters held recently the following officers were chosen: Most excellent chief, Miss Annie Hogan; excellent senior, Mrs. Edith Bretton; excellent junior, Mrs. Maggie Sutherland; protector of the temple, Miss Sadie Horan; guard of the outer temple, Miss Florence Gilman; mistress of the records and correspondence, Mrs. Ora Hidden; mistress of finance, Mrs. Mary A. Gilman; trustee for three years, Mrs. Ella Maynard; representative to the grand temple, Mrs. A. C. Giles.

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COTTON MARKET

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NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—New high record prices were made amidst the greatest excitement at the very opening of the cotton exchange today. First prices were at an advance of 23 to 51 points. Before the call was fairly completed March had sold at 14.01, May at 14.20 and July at 14.14. The advances followed the surprising strength at Liverpool where prices were 17 to 20 points higher at the time of the local opening instead of a shade lower as expected with private cables ascribing gains to heavy buying for continental Egyptian and American accounts. The early market was active and excited. There was tremendous buying for both accounts with New Orleans supporting just enough to add to the apprehension of shorts which were apparently in a panic stricken condition. But realizing, too, was very heavy and after the call prices showed a declining tendency, sagging off several points from the best during the first 15 or 20 minutes although the market continued very feverish and unsettled with most of the selling by parties having profits to take.

POLICE BOARDS

Will be Discussed by Legislature

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—It is thought likely that among the mass of legislation to be introduced on Beacon Hill this winter several cities may ask for the creation of a police commission with powers to grant liquor licenses, providing such communities vote yes.

One of the most serious problems many of the cities have to contend with is the management of the police force, for with each incoming administration the issue generally hinges on the personality of the city marshal or chief of police. The liquor question is always a troublesome one for both mayor and chief of police.

The enforcing of the law as regards liquor, while forming a very important part of the municipal affairs, is not the whole business of a mayor. He has many other municipal problems to solve, but he is often judged solely as to his ability to handle the liquor problem.

In view of the difficulties surrounding municipal government it is thought that some general proposition will be made to the legislature with a view of removing the control of the police from the active participation by the mayor, and either give cities power to select a chief on a permanent basis subject to good behavior and faithful performance of duty or else give the mayor power to appoint three commissioners regardless of politics, whose duties shall be to name a chief of police to serve for five years and also give the same commission power to grant licenses of all kinds, which power is now vested in boards of aldermen where license commissions do not exist.

It is considered doubtful if the legislature, although it is republican, would want to take away from any more cities the power to control their own police as in the case of Boston and Fall River, and give it to the governor.

The governor has already three police departments under his personal supervision the State police, under Chief Wade, and the Boston and Fall River police. Under Governor Greenhalge a proposition was made to give the State control of Holyoke and Woburn departments, but he strenuously objected. The governor has already more work than he can properly attend to with other commissions and state boards under his guidance, so that, in view of this fact, it looks as if some bill might be passed through the legislature giving cities power to create commissions which shall be appointed by the mayor to serve a three years' term.

Cambridge is already talking of applying for a commission, and similar movements are being started in Lawrence, Haverhill, Lowell, Gloucester, New Bedford, Holyoke, Worcester and Springfield.

NEGRO BLEACHED

BY THE USE OF THE X-RAY.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 28.—Dr. H. K. Pancoast of the University of Pennsylvania has discovered that it is possible, by means of the X-ray, to so bleach the skin of a negro that to all intents and purposes the subject becomes a white person. The condition of the person so treated is permanent. The discovery was made incidentally while negroes were being treated at the university for cancer and lupus, and, while no attempt so far has been made to experiment with the skin of a healthy negro, Dr. Pancoast himself believes it is possible to change the color.

WAGNER'S ESTATE

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NASHUA, Dec. 28.—George Hosser of Manchester, George A. Wagner, a key administrator of the estate of Edward Wagner of Manchester at Saturday's session of the Probate court. The petitioners were Minna Wagner, widow and Otilie Wagner, daughter, both of Manchester. George A. Wagner a nephew, presented the petition, which describes the estate at an estimated value of $125,000, $75,000 in real estate and $50,000 in personal property. The administrator, as principle, and the two heirs, gave a bond for $50,000 as sureties.

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ABEEL IS CAUGHT

Alleged to Have Posed as Goelet

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The man arrested on the Canadian side of the river last night is James Abeel of New York, who, it is alleged, posed as "J. Ogden Goelet, Jr., claiming relationship to the well known Goelet family, and became engaged to Miss Grace Anderson of New York.

On Wednesday last two men went to the Savoy hotel at Niagara Falls, Ont., and registered from Chicago. One of them gave his name as F. S. Hall and the other W. K. Hall. Last night Chief of Police Mains received a telegram from Inspector McCluskey of New York asking him to arrest F. S. Hall, who, the message said, is wanted in New York on a charge of forgery.

Hall is still at the Savoy, in charge of a police officer. The man with him is not in custody. Hall has engaged counsel and will probably fight extradition. Acting under the advice of his counsel, he will make no statement further than to declare that he has committed no crime. He will be arraigned today.

Hall at first denied that he was Abeel, but later admitted that was his right name.

If Abeel persists in his determination to fight extradition and refuses to return to New York, the officials admit that they will be at a standstill, because the extradition laws will not cover the case.

Abeel said last evening:

"So much trouble has been made over me by the police and newspapers that I do not know but what I will return and prove my innocence. I am entirely innocence of impersonating J. Ogden Goelet or any other Goelet.

"The fact that I am making my home in Canada under an assumed name is purely a personal matter. My family is well acquainted with my reasons, and so long as I do not turn my assumption of an alias to any criminal account, I do not think I am answerable to anyone.

"I have communicated with my relatives, and if it is thought best I shall return to New York, and then the truth, so far as I am concerned, will become known."

MAN SUFFOCATED

Overcome at Fire in Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—A man named Marshall was suffocated today in a fire which caused a damage of $15,000 in the three-story brick building at 148-154 Court street. Marshall, whose first name is unknown, was sleeping on the third floor and probably died without waking. He was something of an inventor and is said to have been working on an airship model from which he expected to realize a fortune. The loss to the owner of the building, R. L. Rich, is about $5,000, and to all the occupants $10,000. These include several tailors and dentists. The fire was confined to the second and third floors.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

WILL BE WITH US THIS WEEK.

New Year's is approaching. To a great number in this country, but even more in Canada and the continental countries of Europe, New Year's day is the holiday of the year. It is the day when friends call upon friends to wish them a happy new year, when acquaintances gather in social circles and dances, when all are glad that a new year, with the promise of spring and of summer has arrived.

In some of the countries of Europe, as in Sweden, France and Germany, the New Year holidays extend over an entire week, business is at a standstill and all delight in the simple fact that they live, and living, are content. In China, although another calendar is in use, New Year's day is the great annual holiday and is celebrated with noise enough to make an American Fourth of July comparatively quiet.

In America and in England, the day takes second place. Christmas, with its holidays, socials and gift giving, takes the lead; but even here the day may not go by unnoticed, is not as other days.

New Year's day is observed in New England as much as anywhere in this country, except possibly in New York city. In the metropolis the day is traditionally one of calls and the exchange of social courtesies. In New England the French Canadian people keep alive the traditions of the occasion and make it their great mid-winter festival. They do not have formal celebrations, to any great extent, but make the day one of general sociability.

JIMMY GARDNER

WILL MEET BUDDY RYAN IN CHICAGO.

Jimmy Gardner of Lowell and Buddy Ryan of Chicago have been matched for a six-round bout, to take place in Chicago January 11.

George Gardner, who is matched for a bout with Marvin Hart for the Criterion club, Boston, a week from tomorrow night, is training faithfully for the contest at his home in this city. He will be in grand condition, and expects to win inside of the limit.

RECEIVERS' REPORT.

DANIELSON, Conn., Dec. 28.—An immediate report on the condition of the Windham County National bank which institution was closed by a court order early last week on the basis of a petition for a receivership, is expected by the directors. Receiver Ellis W. Dopper, it is understood, has completed the examination of the books.

ALL BAD "BOOZE"

Must be Cut Out Say Inspectors

GENERAL CRUSADE ON IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Retail Business is Falling Off

NASHUA, Dec. 28.—There is a warrant out for bad "booze."

"Forty rod" has got to "hit the pike;" and beer can no more mask for good, brown October ale.

Any bad liquors on sale in this town? The license law decrees and the license board demands that when you pay your money you shall be furnished with red eye, unadulterated.

Thomas Flood, inspector for the license commission, has been in town for a week past. He claims as a citizen he has a right to come here any time he wants to.

The question that is arousing interest is: Why have officials, authorized by the license board, been dropping quietly into "booze" shops without question of race, color or previous condition, taking away bottles sealed in the presence of the licensed holders, and leaving saying back over their shoulder "Merry Xmas?"

For those wise to the game comes back the query "why?"

It is stated that in several cases the dropping in of the inspector who came unheralded was passed upon without comment, but his exit, after his business had been transacted, may in more than one case have brought forth the proverbial "Damme, sirah, what's up?"

Probably very few people in the state are aware that the keeping of bad liquors may be punished by a fine of $200 and the forfeiture of both license and bond.

Here is the law on the subject:

Sect. 21. Any commissioner, police officer, constable, special agent, selectman or sheriff may at any time enter on the premises of a person who is licensed under the provisions of this act, to ascertain the manner in which such person conducts his business, and to preserve order. Such officers may at any time take samples for analysis of any liquor kept on such premises, and the vessels containing such samples shall be sealed on the premises of the vender, and shall remain so sealed until presented to the state laboratory of hygiene for analysis. The city or town in which such vender resides shall pay for the samples so taken. If such liquor is found to be of good quality and free from adulteration. If, however, such liquor shall prove to be adulterated with any deleterious drug, substance or liquid which is poisonous or injurious to the health, or if such liquor prove to be other than it purports to be, the licensee shall be fined $200, shall forfeit his license and the bond thereon, and such license shall not be renewed for at least three years from the date of its forfeiture.

GENERAL CRUSADE.

Hints have been received that similar proceedings have been going on in other municipalities and at the next meeting of the license commission there may be some very interesting developments. One Nashua man says that after the first of the year the commission may decide to take on a load of New Year's resolutions and as ex-Governor Goodell or Mark Hanna would say, "stand pat."

The question of the legitimacy of some of the cheaper brands of booze is a pretty serious problem to saloon keepers, especially among those who are having pretty hard sledding to make both ends meet as is declared to be the case in many instances. Standard "booze" costs more at wholesale now than it used to.

While it is undoubtedly true that the consumption of "booze" is as great as ever, there were many other things which used to work to swell the account in the cash drawer of the saloon manager which have been done away with.

A Ledge street dealer said a few days ago in speaking of this phase of the matter: "We used to take in $30 per day from our pool tables and lunch counter alone, but this has been cut down. Men come in now, take their drinks, and walk away, where formerly they would stand around awhile, play a game of pool, perhaps, or order a pan of hot steamed clams. That meant a good deal to our business here.

"On the other hand our wholesale and family trade has increased. Men who formerly took their drinks over the bar now order a case up to their rooms to which place they can, if they wish, invite their friends for a social evening."

TO INDICT GREENE

STATEMENT MADE BY A NEW YORK MINISTER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—"If it be in my power to get the district attorney of New York county to indict Police Deputy Francis V. Greene and Deputy Police Commissioner Alexander H. Piper, for neglect of duty, I shall do so," said the Rev. Cortland Myers in an arraignment of the two officials in the Baptist Temple last night. Mr. Meyers accused Capt. Piper of having stolen from his society four men who up to that time had done good work for the society, "and giving each of those men a detective sergeant's badge, something that was an actual violation of the law and a crime. They were men who had no right to wear them and were not policemen and never had been, and now he undertakes to charge the society with the acts of the men." In beginning his attack upon Gen. Greene and Mr. Piper, the minister said:

"Gen. Francis V. Greene, the reforming commissioner, has at last been driven out of his hole, and has been driven to the usual course of all people deterred in the non-performance of duty, who have undertaken to cry against somebody 'stop thief' and not answer what is said against them. He is a reformer. He was placed where he is, it is said, to reform gross abuses which the celebrated Devery was said to have allowed to grow up in the department. It is almost seen, from what has occurred since the remark of the gentleman by the name of Van Wyck, 'that Deverey was the best chief of police we ever had,' that of the crimes that were allowed in the city of New York, some have increased rather than diminished under the Reformer Greene."

Police Commissioner Greene dismissed the remarks of the Rev. Mr. Myers in a few words. "All that he said should be treated anonymously," he declared. "The Rev. Mr. Myers has told the police department that pool rooms are located in such and such a street. Then he has declined further information. It is hard to define what his motive is."

"AMEN CORNER"

WILL TENDER BANQUET TO MAYOR-ELECT McCLELLAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—In order that Mayor-elect McClellan may profit by the experience of mayors of other cities at the outset of his career, the "Amen Corner" directors have decided that when Mr. McClellan is their guest at dinner on January 27 he will have to listen to the advice of several men who have held similar offices in other cities. Invitations to attend and to tell the new mayor how to conduct his office so as to avoid criticism have been sent to Carter H. Harrison, mayor of Chicago; Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia; Patrick A. Collins, mayor of Boston, and Denis Mulvihill, the "labor" mayor of Bridgeport, Ct. One of the most notable speeches will be delivered by Senator Thomas C. Platt, who is a personal adviser of the mayor-elect. At the dinner given for Mr. Platt two years ago Mr. McClellan made an extemporaneous speech that won many plaudits, and the senator's reply is expected to be in a similar happy vein.

LOOMFIXERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Loomfixers' Association will meet tonight. Election of officers and other important business will be transacted.

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THREE DROWNED

Dredge General Poe Sunk in Boston Harbor

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—During the heavy snowstorm today the dredge General Poe, owned by the Breyman Brothers' Dredging Co., in tow of the tug Minot J. Wilcox, sprang a leak and sank in the harbor carrying down with her three out of the 13 men on board. The drowned men are:

Geo. W. Coombs of Saugus, inspector for the company; Wm. O'Neil, member of the crew; —— Jones, deckhand.

The seriously injured were: William Robbins, cook on dredge; Peter Bradley, member of the crew.

The accident to the General Poe happened about midway between Deer Isle light and Nixs Mate. On account of the storm the dredge abandoned her work further out in the harbor and was passing in towed by the tug Minot J. Wilcox. The first that those on board the tug knew that something was wrong was when the hawser by which the dredge was being towed snapped in two. In the blinding snowstorm the crew of the tug could see but a short distance, but it was evident to them that the dredge had sunk and that in going down the hawser had been parted. A boat was lowered at once to go to the rescue. Meanwhile as it was afterwards learned the crew of the General Poe had an unenviable experience. Without warning the dredge sprang a leak and the water which poured in through the seam which soon opened up, filled all the lower compartments with water. Not all of the 13 men on board had warning enough to permit them to escape. Coombs, O'Neil and Jones who were below, were drowned by the water which rushed in upon them. The remaining 10 men on board realizing that they must swim if they were to save themselves jumped into the water and made their way to the scow which in turn was being towed by the dredge and which was some 70 feet astern. Eight of them succeeded in reaching the scow after an icy swim. The other two, Robbins and Bradley, were injured in jumping from the dredge into the water. Robbins was almost unconscious but he succeeded in grasping some floating wreckage and was latre picked up by the boat from the Minot J. Wilcox.

Bradley after swimming vaguely about sometime reached a planking to which he clung until rescued by the tug Pallas which was passing. Soon afterward the eight men who had reached the scow were taken off by the Minot J. Wilcox and all were brought to the city. Robbins and Bradley were taken to the hospital. It was stated that their condition is not necessarily dangerous.

The General Poe lies in the harbor with her derrick rigging protruding from the water. She is a danger to navigation at that point.

Members of the Breyman Brothers' Dredging Co. said that the dredge will be probably raised and repaired. As soon as the party arrived at the city arrangements were made to try to recover the bodies of the drowned men.

MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH

NEW YORK, DEC. 26.—WHILE LOWERING A STONE CAISSON INTO A SUBWAY, WHICH IS BEING CONSTRUCTED IN SOUTH BROOKLYN, TODAY THE STONE CRUMBLED, KILLING ONE MAN OUTRIGHT AND INJURING THREE OTHERS.

BOSTON POLICE

Not Certain About Moody Merrill's Death

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—An effort will be made at once by the Boston police to verify the report that Moody Merrill, the former Boston financier, is dead at Silver City, N. M. If District Attorney Stevens learns positively that Merrill is in fact dead, the indictment against him which charges embezzlement of funds entrusted to him, will be placed on file because of the death of the defendant.

Last Wednesday, the day before the report of Merrill's death was received Isaac B. Rich and Mr. Cellus Coggan, bondsmen for Merrill, filed a motion in the superior court asking for a continuance of the civil action brought against them by the commonwealth on account of Merrill's disappearance, until they had a reasonable opportunity to secure the arrest of the fugitive. They stated in their motion that they had obtained information that day which indicated to them the whereabouts of Merrill and that they were about to take steps to have him arrested and surrendered. No action was taken on this motion and it is understood will not be until the officials verify the report of Merrill's death. If it should appear conclusively that Merrill is deceased the court will have to pass upon the question whether his sureties shall surrender any money to the commonwealth.

ITALIAN CRUISER

HAS BEEN ORDERED TO SAIL TO JAPAN.

ROME, Dec. 26. Owing to the complications in the far east, the Italian armored cruiser Vettor Pisani will sail shortly for Nagasaki, Japan.

HIGH WIND PREVAILED.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 26.—The first real blizzard of the winter is reported from various points in Ohio to have prevailed last night and today. In this city the wind reached a velocity of 52 miles an hour, while a heavy blinding snow fell to a depth of several inches. During the past 4 hours the weather bureau thermometer has dropped 22 degrees or nearly to the zero mark. Railroad traffic is delayed.

EXCHANGES AND BALANCES.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Exchanges $19,727,836; balances $1,181,467.

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Disastrous Fire Broke Out in Salem

SALEM, Mass., Dec. 26.—The entire fire department of Salem was summoned during the height of the storm this afternoon to a brisk fire in a three-story wooden factory building in the centre of the leather district. As a strong wind prevailed and there were many wooden buildings in the vicinity assistance was summoned from Peabody.

Immense quantities of water were poured into the burning structure and the firemen were enabled to confine the flames to the property. The building which was ruined, was occupied by John J. Connelly and Co., and the D. W. Ford company, both shoe manufacturers. The loss is estimated at $15,000.

The fire was caused by a lamp explosion in the Ford company's rooms. Mr. Ford was badly burned about the face and body and ran into the street with his clothing on fire. A citizen named Patrick Murphy seized Mr. Ford and rolled him in the snow, extinguishing the flames. Ford's condition is not serious.

The building is owned by Patrick Creedon. The upper part of the structure was burned out entirely and the lower floors practically ruined by water. The loss is covered by insurance.

STEAMER SUNK

All On Board Were Rescued

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The Clyde steamer Kiowa, inward bound from Jacksonville, Fla., and Charleston, S. C., was rammed and sunk by the steamer Admiral Dewey of the United Fruit company, in Boston harbor today. All on board the Kiowa numbering 30 persons, were rescued by the tug Cormorant.

MAJOR McDOWELL DEAD.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Major Malcolm McDowell, widely known as an iron and steel expert, is dead at the age of 75 years. He was the youngest brother of the late Gen. Irving McDowell who commanded the federal troops at the first battle of Bull Run. Maj. McDowell was an aide de camp on his brother's staff during the battle. Deceased was an intimate friend of Generals Grant, Sherman and Logan and of President Rutherford B. Hayes.

BRIBERY CASE HEARD.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 26.—The hearing of William F. McKnight and ex-Senator George H. Nicholson on the charge of subordination of perjury at the first trial of ex-City Attorney Earl C. Salsbury for bribery in connection with the Lake Michigan water deal, was begun today in police court. If the men are held to the superior court they will have separate trials.

J. Boyd Pauline was the first witness. He was asked to describe the parlor on the second floor of a hotel of which he is the proprietor and where the plot to influence certain witnesses in the Salsbury case is alleged to have been concerted.

Dr. C. H. Kelly followed J. Boyd Pauline and shortly after being called to the stand court adjourned.

POSTAL RATES REDUCED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Consul General Gudger at Panama has notified this government that the republic of Panama has reduced its postal rates 50 per cent.

Mr. John J. Sturr, class of '02, L. H. S., now a student at St. Charles college, Ellicott City, Md., is visiting his parents on Union street for a few days.

TRADE TREATY

China Urged to Ratify It at Once

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The situation in the east has caused the officials of the state department to renew their efforts to secure for the United States from China and Korea certain necessary trade advantages as embodied in the Chinese commercial treaty and in Minister Allen's demands upon the Korean government, before the crisis becomes more acute. It is realized that should hostilities break out between Russia and Japan, the resulting peace treaty would leave the United States and other neutral nations entirely outside the pale of advantage in Manchuria, and Korea, no matter which way the tide of victory turned. Therefore the state department is bringing pressure to bear upon the Chinese court to insure the speedy ratification of the trade treaty and as other nations have indirectly been given to understand in this negotiation it is hoped that final ratifications of the treaty may be exchanged in Washington within three months at the outside. This will result in the opening to the United States of the trade of the ports of Antung and Moukden Manchuria. Across the river from Antung in Korean territory, Ros Wiju and the state department has prompted Mr Allen at Seoul to renew his pressure upon the Korean government to secure the opening of that port to trade.

BOYS DROWNED

Brothers Broke Through Thin Ice

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 26.—Fred and Max Graven, brothers, aged 12 and 13 years respectively, were drowned in the Woonasquatucket river at Lymansville at about noon today. The boys were two of a party of four who were hunting with air rifles on the banks of the river, and the Graven boys started to cross the river on the ice and had reached the centre of the river when the thin ice broke and the lads were precipitated into the freezing water. Attempt were made by men hurrying to rescue the boys, but their attempts proved futile on account of the fragilness of the ice. The companions of the boys then pushed a boat from the shore to the centre of the stream and finally after an hour's work succeeded in recovering the unconscious bodies of both boys. All chance of resuscitation, however, was gone.

LIABILITIES OF $175,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—At a meeting of the creditors of J. T. Smith & Co., carriage manufacturers, today, there was a statement made placing the liabilities of the assigned company at $125,000, of which amount $83,000 is said to be secured by real estate. The assets available for the unsecured creditors consist principally of about 200 carriages and sleighs at the factory in Roxbury.

MORTALITY OF LOWELL

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 26, 1903.

Population 101,960, total deaths 26, deaths under five 4, infectious diseases 1, acute lung diseases 4, diphtheria 1.

Death rate—13.26 against 16.63-12.24 for previous two weeks.

Infectious diseases reported: Typhoid fever 1, scarlet fever 4, diphtheria 6, measles 1.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

ALLEGED BURGLARS

TWO OF THEM PLEADED GUILTY AND WILL BE SENTENCED LATER.

SKOWHEGAN, Me., Dec. 26—When the four alleged burglars who led the Somerset county officers a six days' chase through northern Maine a few weeks ago were arraigned in the county court here today Maynard and Fred Reynolds of New Hampshire entered a plea of guilty and were remanded for sentence later in the term. John H. Nutting and George Caville, the two captured during the early stage of the chase, pleaded not guilty. They will be put on trial next week.

MORE COLD WEATHER EXPECTED.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26—The minimum temperature here today was 19, a fall of 37 degrees in the last 24 hours. An additional fall in temperature is forecasted for tonight, the cold wave reaching to the south Atlantic and gulf states.

RETURNS TO CUBA.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 26—Archbishop Chapelle sailed today for Cuba, whence he came to take part in the ceremonies of the Louisiana transfer celebration. At the archbishopric nothing was known of the report from Rome that the archbishop was contemplating a visit there.

Asthma can be Cured

The statement of Mr. J. F. Homan, 20 E. Adams St., Chicago, proves that the worst cases of Asthma in the world are not only relieved, but are readily cured by Dr. Schiffmann's Asthma Cure. He says: "Asthma kept me in terrible misery for ten years until I used your Asthma Cure. After the first trial I was a changed man. I went to sleep that night and awoke next day much relieved and I have gotten entirely over the Asthma. It is now nine years since I was cured."

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In Danger at New York Fire

THREE ALARMS OF FIRE SENT OUT

The Firemen Were Badly Handicapped

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Three alarms of fire were sent in today for a fire which partially destroyed the four-story building at Seventh avenue and 52d street, known as the West Side Lyceum or Adelphi hall. While this fire was burning, fire broke out in a large apartment house on Columbus avenue near 68th street, four alarms being sent in on this account. The loss on the first fire was about $60,000. Three apartment houses were badly damaged in the second fire which broke out in the basement and spread up the air shafts of all the buildings, causing heavy loss on each floor. The difficulties of the firemen in fighting the first fire were augmented by the bursting of several lines of hose and the cutting of others by engines going to the second fire. The water froze in the streets making it almost impossible for the engines to mount the slight hill at this point. Two firemen stationed inside the Lyceum building were overcome and carried out unconscious and there was a report that another fireman, Hugh Joyce, was killed by the falling of the roof. This was not confirmed. The occupants of the burned buildings, escaped safely.

COMMITTED SUICIDE

BECAUSE HE DID NOT GET A CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Disappointed because his relatives and friends in Germany apparently forgot to send him any Christmas presents, this year, John Sweetz, 40 years old, a baker, committed suicide by inhaling gas in his room in a hotel here today.

VANDERBILT'S GIFT.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 26.—Alfred G. Vanderbilt today handed $200 in gold to Supt. Frank E. Rowell of the Newport & Fall River street railway for distribution among the motormen and conductors of the road. Each man received $5.

EXCHANGES AND BALANCES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Exchanges $226,671,721; balances $11,120,466.

For the week: Exchanges $1,006,381,989; balances $45,564,609.

GOING TO PANAMA.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 26—A detachment of 97 men in charge of Capt. William Hopkins and Lieut. Kilgorge from the naval academy marine barracks left here this morning for Philadelphia to join the U. S. Dixie for duty with the Panama battalion.

ADMIRAL WHITE'S FUNERAL.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 26—The funeral services over the remains of the late Rear Admiral Edwin White, U. S. N., retired, were held at the naval academy chapel today, after which the interment took place in the naval cemetery. The escort was composed of the marine battalion and a detachment of seamen accompanied by the naval academy band.

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You can't expect to weave white satin with blackened hands, any more than you can expect good results from papers with a bogus circulation.

From Late Editions Saturday

SANTA BURNED

His Wig Caught Fire in Lawrence

A Christmas party at the residence of Alexander Taylor, 64 Osgood street, Lawrence, Thursday evening, resulted rather disastrously for David A. Taylor, one of the sons, who was impersonating Santa Claus and giving out the presents to the large number of children who were present.

As he was reaching for a gift on the tree his beard and wig caught fire from one of the candles and before the blaze could be extinguished he was terribly burned about the face and hands. There was some excitement at the time but it was allayed by the coolness of the older ones present and attention was turned toward relieving Mr. Taylor's sufferings.

Dr. William V. Grant was summoned and dressed the burns but it will be several days and possibly weeks before the injured man will be able to attend to his duties.

No other damage resulted from the fire, but the party was broken up rather abruptly.

NARROW ESCAPE

Nashua Man Had a Close Call

Geo. Sanderson, residing in Nashua, who travels for a hardware firm in Pennsylvania, had a narrow escape from being badly hurt in front of the Merrimack street depot this afternoon. He was driving down Merrimack street in a sleigh and when in front of the depot his horse got frightened at a snow plough which was going into Dutton street.

At the sight of the plough the horse shied and being close to the curbing dumped the sleigh over, throwing Mr. Sanderson out, and the horse started to run, but he got no further than Shattuck street when he was stopped by a bystander. Luckily Mr. Sanderson expected to get thrown out of the sleigh when the horse started to shy and was prepared for it and escaped without injury.

RAILWAY COMPANY ALERT.

In anticipation of a big snowstorm the street railway company put out a good number of their plows today and have kept them going over the different lines in order that the snow will not get too deep on the rails. After the plow goes over the line the rails are well sanded and though quite a little snow has fallen the cars are running on good time.

HOW OLD IS ANN

Michael Redican the Lucky Man

Michael Redican, a member of the Lowell Cadet band, and residing at 169 Broadway, has been declared the winner of the Merrimack Clothing Co.'s guess prize and is entitled to $25 worth of clothing at that store.

Last Saturday morning the guessing contest was opened by the Merrimack Clothing company. They found a new Ann and they wanted to know how old she was. The company found out Ann's age to a day. The age, 25 years, 7 months, 3 weeks, 5 days, 11 hours, and 15 minutes was written on a piece of paper, carefully sealed and deposited in a vault in the Lowell Trust company. The season of guessing lasted from Saturday morning until Thursday at midnight, and the total number of guesses figured up to over 1100, ranging from nine days to 145 years.

Mr. Redican guessed that the Merrimack Clothing company's Ann was 25 years, 7 months, 3 weeks, 4 days and 5 hours, guessing within 1 day, 6 hours and 15 minutes of her correct age. Mr. Redican was notified by Manager Daniel S. O'Brien to call and receive $25 worth of clothing. Other close guesses were:

H. S. Pihl, 31½ Lundberg street, 25 years, 6 months, 3 weeks, 4 days, 3 hours; Sarah Dallagher, 69 West Third street, 25 years, 6 months, 3 weeks, 2 hours; Pauline H. Kidder, 1 Spaulding street, 25 years, 6 months, 2 weeks, 7 days, 3 hours; Mollie Bradley, Billerica, 25 years, 8 months, 2 weeks, 10 days, 7 hours; Miss L. Osgood, 27 Hastings street, 25 years, 3 months, 2 weeks, 3 days, 1 hour; Geo. H. Hart, 788 Broadway, 25 years, 3 months, 2 weeks, 4 days, 5 hours.

AVERY WANTED

THE BOSTON POLICE ARE ANXIOUS TO FIND HIM.

Supt. Moffatt has received from the police of Boston a circular containing a photograph and description of Samuel P. Avery, who is accused of the larceny of about $10,000 from the Midland Oil company, whose office is at 34 Oliver street.

Avery was New England agent of the company and had been in its employ three years. He disappeared about a month ago, but the fact was not made public, as the police were in hopes of getting a clew to his whereabouts. He lived with his family in Winthrop Center.

DIED OF HEART FAILURE.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 26.—Rev. Geo. Edward Street, D. D., pastor emeritus of the Congregational church at Exeter, N. H., died at the home of his son-in-law, Rev. W. W. Ranney of the Park church, today, of heart failure. He came here yesterday on a visit. He was widely known for his historical writings and as a corporate member of the American board of commissioners of foreign mission. Born in Cheshire, this state, in 1835, he was graduated from Yale in 1858 and from Andover Theological seminary five years later. His ordination that year was at Wiscasset, Maine, from which place he went to Exeter, N. H., in 1871. Dartmouth gave him his degree of doctor of divinity. The funeral services will be at Exeter, next Wednesday.

TWO MEN KILLED

Trains Collided at Williamstown, Ky.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 26—Two persons were killed and six injured in a rear-end collision at Williamstown, Ky., on the Cincinnati Southern railway today. A wrecking train that was backing up from Mason, Ky., was met by a freight train. The relief car and two cabooses on the wrecking train were wrecked and afterward took fire. The cars burned so quickly that two workmen perished. Six others who were asleep in the relief car were badly injured.

A NEW PRESIDENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—L. F. Loree, president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company, will January 1 next become president of the Rock Island company, which controls the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway system at a recount meeting of the directors when Mr. Leeds tendered his resignation. The latter will continue as a member of the Rock Island company's executive committee.

WANTS IMMEDIATE TRIAL.

SKOWHEGAN, Me., Dec. 26—Alexander Theriault, once convicted of the murder of Mathias Pare at Asquith and granted a new trial, which was stopped by reason of the illness of a juror, through his counsel has appealed to County Attorney Gower for immediate trial.

COLLEGE MAKES ASSIGNMENT.

ALBERT LEA, Minn., Dec. 26—The trustees of Albert Lea college have made an assignment for the benefit of creditors of the college. The liabilities are about $10,000 and the assets five times as much including school buildings, residence property, etc. C. H. Freeman is assignee. The downfall was brought about in part by friction between Albert Lea college and MacAlister college, another Presbyterian state school.

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TROOPS TO COREA

Japan Decides to Send Out a Strong Force

PARIS, Dec. 26—It was learned in authoritative quarters today that Japan is about to send a large military force to Corea for the purpose of restoring and maintaining order at the disturbed points. The departure of this force is imminent. It will probably consist of a division of 15,000 men.

Japan has been assured that Russia will not consider the sending of troops to Corea to be an unfriendly act or a casus belli.

It is anticipated that the departure of the troops will revive the war rumors.

During the recent exchange of communications between Russia and Japan the former fully recognized the need of the presence of a strong military authority in Corea and conceded that Japan was in the best position to promptly send troops to the disturbed districts.

The sending of the troops, nevertheless, is construed as having an important bearing on the present negotiations, as it will be the first conspicuous evidence of Japan's actual exercise of paramount authority over Corea. It is further said in the same quarters that the preparations for this expedition were the cause of the recent great activity at the Japanese arsenals and dockyards, which it is asserted has been erroneously ascribed to preparations against Russia.

Information has also been received here that Foreign Minister Lamsdorf has personally received Japan's reply and that in view of its terms he is said to have expressed surprise at the reports of Japan's belligerent attitude. This, it is added, is regarded as clearly showing the amicable spirit in which the negotiations are proceeding.

GAS EXPLOSION

Caused Disastrous Fire in Marietta

MARIETTA, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Early today the finest business block in Marietta, that of the First National bank, was destroyed by fire which started from a gas explosion. It was a five-story structure occupied by the bank, the office of the Standard Oil Co., Dawes Lumber Co., Sarbar Oil Co., and others. The loss to the building is $75,000, fully covered; loss to contents about half as much, insured.

TWO FATALITIES

AS A RESULT OF THE COLD WEATHER.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 26.—The intensely cold weather is responsible for two fatalities. John Weir was frozen to death near Elmwood and George Baumenten of this city was so badly frozen he cannot recover.

BIGGEST IN WORLD

BUILDING IN NEW YORK WILL COST $10,000,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The tallest building on earth is to be erected on lower Broadway if present plans are carried out. With five stories below the street level, 40 stories high from the entrance to the top floor and surmounted by a 60-foot tower, the gigantic new building will have a total height of 615 feet, making it over twice as high as the Flat Iron building and almost as tall again as the Park Row building which at present holds the record. This building would extend one full block on Broadway and its cost including the site will reach $10,000,000. The land is said to have been secured and the completion of the building within one year is promised.

POLITICAL REPORTER

APPOINTED SECRETARY TO MAYOR-ELECT McCLELLAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—John H. O'Brien, a political reporter on the New York Sun, has been appointed secretary to Mayor-elect McClellan. At the time of the assassination of Pres. McKinley, Mr. O'Brien was the Buffalo correspondent of the Sun, and owing to his work at that time was brought to New York two years ago.

A BLINDING SQUALL.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 26.—A snowstorm of uncommon severity accompanied by a strong gusty wind, visited this section today and after an hour's blinding squall, changed into a more gentle, though steady, downfall. The temperature is not very low though it is cold enough to ensure quite a considerable depth of snow in the outlying districts should the storm continue.

BIDS FOR LOANS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Announcement is made that bids for the new Philippine frairs land loan for $7,200,000 will be received up to 3 p. m., Jan. 11, and allotments will be made Feb. 7, 1904.

ITALY RECOGNIZES PANAMA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Acting Secretary of State Loomis has been notified by the Italian embassy that the government of Italy has recognized the new republic of Panama.

MONUMENT TO BENNETT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—Announcement was made today of the purpose of James Gordon Bennett to lay out and adorn a large park to be dedicated to the public use and pleasure in memory of his father, the founder of the Herald. It will lie between the Boulevard, Lafayette and Broadway, north of 182d street and lands now owned by Mr. Bennett will be devoted to this end. Upon the highest elevation within its boundaries will be reared a monument to James Gordon Bennett, the elder.

U. S. SQUADRONS DISPERSED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26—Orders have been issued for the disposition, during the Christmas holidays of the United States warships assembled off Culebra. The different squadrons have been dispersed among the nearby ports on the Porto Rican coast and the officers and men will have one week's holiday. The vessels will reassemble off Culebra early in January for the winter manoeuvres.

INVESTIGATING CHARGES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26—Indian Inspector Jenkins is at the Colville Indian agency, Washington, investigating charges against Indian Agent A. M. Anderson. The charges included alleged irregularities in vouchers executed sometime ago. There are a number of other charges, including some growing out of religious differences.

CAN ISSUE PASSPORTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The president has delegated to the governor of Hawaii authority to issue passports. This is the only case of a governor being given such authority and the action is taken to meet the exigencies in that quarter.

WANTS A RECEIVER.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 26.—Vice-Chancellor Emery today granted an order for the New Jersey Gelatine Co., of Bound Rock, N. J., to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed, at Newark Jan. 5. The application was made by the B. F. Sturtevant Co., of Boston, to whom the gelatine company, it is claimed, owes about $1,700 for machinery. The company, it is said, also owes $125,000 on a mortgage on its plant and $12,000 for material. The assets are not given.

CHICAGO'S COLD WAVE.

CHICAGO, Dec 26.—With a minimum of eight degrees below zero the crest of a cold wave moving eastward struck Chicago today. Trains in many instances were unable to maintain schedule time. Temperatures close to zero were reported in the west and northwest. Northern Indiana reported eight below, St. Paul 16 below, and Winnipeg 30 below. At Dubuque, Ia., the mercury was 14 below and at Davenport a mark of 12 below was registered.

SHIPPING SUSPENDED.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 26—A heavy northeast snowsquall struck Newport at noon today. The barometer fell rapidly to a low point, indicating that the storm centre was off here. The wind increased in velocity to 30 miles an hour within half an hour. Heavy seas are running outside and all shipping has been suspended.

WANTS HIS PAY

Davies Has Sued Lipton Again

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Not only has history repeated itself in the defeats of Sir Thomas Lipton's attempt to win international yachting laurels, but he is reported to have again landed in hot water with H. Iler Davies, who succeeded David Barrie as the personal representative of the Irish baronet and conducted the details of the last attempt to lift the America's cup. Sir. Davies' troubles are similar to those which aroused comment on both sides of the Atlantic two years ago when Mr. Barrie asserted that Sir Thomas had failed to live up to the financial agreement made between them.

Mr. Davies has sailed for Europe, but before he braved the storms of the western ocean he gave a farewell dinner party to several friends at the Waldorf-Astoria. Among his guests was his successor, J. K. Crowther.

At the dinner Mr. Davies spoke of his disagreement with Sir Thomas and it was asserted that he had severed all connections with the cup-hunter and was sailing for England to place the matter fully before Sir Thomas.

A personal friend of the retiring manager confirmed the report yesterday that Mr. Davies had severed his connection with the Lipton company, believing that he has not been paid enough. Mr. Davies arranged the details for the Reliance-Shamrock races in a manner that drew only commendation from his employer. There was not a hitch in the arrangements. Vessels were chartered, and at one time there were 36 craft of various types in the Lipton fleet. Everything was satisfactory to Sir Thomas, and he complimented Mr. Davies.

Mr. Davies' friends said he had overdrawn his accoun nearly $1500, and Sir Thomas, in acknowledgment of the fact that the arrangements had cost far less than on any previous attempt, suggested that this amount be charged to the general expense account of the yacht race and agreed further to give a month's vacation to Mr. Davies after the business details, which suffered somewhat during the races, were brought up to date.

This, Mr. Davies alleges, has not been done. He said before he sailed that Sir Thomas promised him a reward far beyond the $1500, but had ignored his request that the matter be settled. For that reason he sent his resignation and started across the ocean to see his former employer. He is said to have declared that he has no doubts of the result of the conference. It was even hinted that Mr. Davies would return to this country as the personal representative of the baronet who will in any future yachting event keep sport and business as far apart as possible.

Neither Mr. Crowther nor any other employe of the Lipton company would talk of the matter today beyond saying that Mr. Davies was no longer connected with the company in any capacity. A clerk in the Pearl street office declared that Mr. Davies has gone to England to marry a very estimable English girl.

Mr. Barrie's claim was for an amount said to be due beyond his $50 a week salary as publicity promoter during the two previous series of races. Mr. Barrie insisted on receiving an amount far in excess of this, which he said was promised him as a bonus. This was denied at the time, and Barrie brought a suit which was settled out of court after he had reached England and had several interviews with Sir Thomas. While Mr. Davies says he will not sue, he is declared to be equally determined.

RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR

GIVEN A GREAT WELCOME TO ROME.

ROME, Dec. 26.—Prince Ouroussoff, the Russian ambassador of Italy, has arrived here. The press welcomes him to Rome and expresses the hope that he will succeed in re-establishing the intimate relations between Russia and Italy which were disturbed by the abandonment of the proposed visit of the czar to Rome, through the advice of the former ambassador of Russia, M. Nelidoff.

CHILD WIFE

WAS DISCHARGED BY THE COURT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—After Magistrate Flanner in Jefferson Market court today declined to recognize a reconciliation between Albert Louis Dasberg, 21 years of age, his 13-year-old bride, who was Aimee May Hedges of Boston, and his mother-in-law and had held the bridegroom in $1000 bail on a charge of abduction, he decided that there was no law to warrant his action in committing a married woman to the care of the Gerry society. The magistrate therefore dismissed the bridegroom and his child wife.

CONDEMNED MAN

Created Another Scene in Prison

AUBURN, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Frank White, the Oswego murderer, who is sentenced to die next Tuesday, has created another scene in the corridor for the condemned. Bedstead, chair, closet and an electric light bulb were all torn asunder amid the most horrible cursing ever heard even by the prison men. Fragments with the exception of one iron leg of the bedstead, were hurled at the guards. White kept the leg as a weapon and dared anybody to come near him.

Warden Mead and four keepers were summoned to the scene and several volunteers offered to enter the cell and subdue the prisoner. The warden would not permit any chances to be taken and ordered the hose turned on the prisoner. It required fifteen minutes application of the cold water cure before White weakened and then Keeper Bates entered the cell and sprang upon him. The others also rushed in and succeeded in handcuffing him. He was removed to another cell. Prison officials think White is feigning insanity.

RIOT AND ANARCHY

SAID TO EXIST IN SAN DOMINGO.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The Clyde line steamer New York arrived today from San Domingo, having been subjected to considerable delay in loading and discharging cargo at ports of the revolution swept island.

Cabin passengers on board said that the whole country was in a turmoil of riot, anarchy and revolution within revolution. Communication between ports, they said, was suspended and telegraph wires were down. At Porto Plata, the home of Morales, the people were his ardent supporters, it was reported, until he went to San Domingo city when a strong Jiminez party developed. It was said that Morales would send the war vessels to bombard the town to put down the revolt.

JIMINEZ' MEN

ARE MARCHING ON THE CITY OF SAN DOMINGO.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—United States Minister Powell reports to the state department under yesterday's date from San Domingo city, confirming the cable announcement that the town of Macoris has pronounced in favor of Jiminez and adds that troops from that place under the insurgent flag are marching on the city of San Domingo. A great many arrests are being made at the capital but otherwise everything is quiet.

STRIKING BAKERS

SACKED A COOPERATIVE BAKERY IN PARIS.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—A band of 50 striking bakers sacked a co-operative bakery during the night. There were several minor strike demonstrations.

The ministry for war has ordered the military bread makers to be in readiness to take the place of strikers in case of a shortage in the public bread supply.

PRESIDENT DIAZ

AGREES TO EXTRADITION OF CHARLES KRATZ.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 26.—A special from the city of Mexico, Mex., says:

The department of foreign relations has informed Judge Rojas of the Guadalajara district court that President Diaz, acting upon the request of the American ambassador and upon hearing the evidence submitted in the case, had conceded to the United States authorities the extradition of Charles Kratz. The department further advised the judge to expect at an early hour a formal order to turn the prisoner over to the United States officers awaiting the decision of the case at Guadalajara. Kratz, who is a former member of the St. Louis city council is wanted in that city for trial on a charge of bribery in connection with street car franchise legislation.

SKULL FRACTURED

WEALTHY DRUGGIST WALKED OUT OF WINDOW.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Charles H. Monell, a wealthy druggist of this city, 60 years old and almost blind, mistook a window for a door early today and fell from a second story window to the sidewalk fracturing his skull and injuring his spine. He was removed in a dying condition to the hospital.

SIR HARRY BULLARD DEAD.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Sir Harry Bullard, M. P., is dead. He was born in 1841.

FIVE TRANSPORTS

ARE BEING FITTED OUT FOR SERVICE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—War department officials admit that the transports Sumner and McClellan at New York as well as the Sherman, Bufford and Crook at San Francisco, are being fitted out for active service. The two vessels at New York have been in a state of readiness for several weeks but so far no calls have been made for them. It is expected that one of them will be utilized in bringing to the United States the artillery troops now stationed near Havana and at Santiago. Primarily all of those transports are intended for the Manila service.

TRAIN HOLD-UP

STORY STARTED BECAUSE MAN BORROWED TOBACCO.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 26.—The true story of the alleged attempt at holding up the express on the Hartford division of the New Haven road last Wednesday at 3 a.m., near the peat works just north of Meriden, came out today. The original story had it that a man swung a red lantern in front of the engine, but the engineer ignored the warning, threw wide open the throttle, and, as the engine dashed by the spot bandits darted out from the bushes. The four Adams express cars that formed part of the train, and which were heavily loaded with valuable Christmas goods, were thus saved from train robbers, ran the tale.

It was learned by the railroad officials yesterday that the train was 15 minutes late in reaching Meriden. A brakeman ran around to the gate tender to borrow some tobacco, and in answer to the question why the train was late said: "Oh, a couple of men held us up at the peat works." Then the gate tender asked the engineer if it was true, and the engineer, to keep up the joke, said it was. When the train pulled out, the police were informed and then the road sent a detective to Meriden.

GUNBOAT VICKSBURG

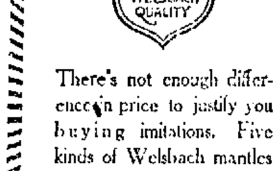
HAS BEEN ORDERED TO KOREA BY MR. ALLEN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Rear-Admiral Stirling, temporarily in command of the Asiatic station, cables the navy department announcing the departure of the gunboat Vicksburg today from Shanghai for Chemulpo, Korea, where she has been ordered at the instance of Mr. Allen, the American minister at Seoul. The local riots at Chemulpo recently endanagered American life and property and the despatch of a warship was thought necessary.

DOWIE'S DREAM

SAYS CHRIST WILL RETURN TO EARTH.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 26.—"Within the next century Christ will return again to earth to reign 1000 years. I, whom you know to be the prophet Elijah, shall return with him, and that is why I have made all leases in Zion City run for 1100 years. At the end of Christ's reign the earth will smash up, the bad will be burned in hell fire and the good will be called to their reward." Thus spake John Alexander Dowie in a remarkable Christmas sermon, his last sermon before his departure for Australia, to a host of Zionites in Shiloh tabernacle yesterday. Dr. Dowie also exhorted his followers not to lose their faith in him during his coming trip around the world. Dowie also declared that if after he dies, infidels should in any way get hold of Zion lands and carry on their carousals, that he will hasten his return to earth and order them all off the sacred ground, as the title to the land will never pass from him. He says he thinks the pictures painted of Jesus are all wrong, that they show an effeminate face character, but that instead they should show a strong face, strong character, strong physique.



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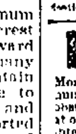

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Corrected to October 12, 1903. Trains leave Merrimack street depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.42, *7.45, *8.50, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.44 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex street station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.28, *6.30, x6.45, w6.50, 7.01, *7.24, 7.31, *7.48, w*8.00, *8.57, w9.22, *9.50, w10.50, 11.05, *11.43 a. m.; w12.05, 12.14, w12.45, 1.41, *1.56, w2.30, x3.03, w*3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.28, w5.06, 5.22, x5.49, w*6.15, *6.22, w7.02, 7.20, w9.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 6.39, 7.54, *w9.15, 8.48, 9.20 a. m.; w12.05, w4.15, 4.25, w5.30, 5.58, w8.00 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.50, z7.31, w8.30, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w2.30, w3.55, w5.06, w5.15, w7.00, w9.25, wq11.25 p. m. Sundays, w5.18 a. m.; w12.05, w6.30 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, a2.30, a3.55, w5.06, 5.28 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.06, 5.15, 7.00, 9.25, a11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m.; 12.05, 5.30 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.16 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.00 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.00 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor, Belfast and Rockland, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 5.00 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland,) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland,) Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m.

Last trip of season Oct. 30, 1903.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.48, 11.05 a. m.; 1.44, 4.28 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 4.25, 5.58 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg divisions, 7.01, 11.55 a. m.; 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m.; (3.40 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.40, 5.39 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Hillsboro, 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.39, *10.39, a. m.; *12.09, 1.00, *1.39, 3.40, *5.39, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02 a. m.; 2.00, 6.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *1.39 (to Franklin only,) 5.40, *b8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.,) Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.39 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.39, *10.39 a. m.; 1.39 p. m. (5.30 p. m. to Plymouth); *b9.10, 8.24 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.39, *b9.10 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont line, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *b8.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air line, *10.39 a. m.; *b9.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *3.10 p. m. (daily except Saturdays.

References:
aVia Wakefield Junction.
*Express. bDaily.
qWednesdays and Saturdays only.
wVia Western Division.
xVia Bedford. zVia Wilmington Junc.

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SUN WANTS ARE READ BY EVERYBODY

SPECIAL NOTICES

NOTICE—There will be a special meeting of the Young Men's Catholic Institute this evening to take action on the death of our late brother, John Casey. All members are requested to be present.
Per order,
JAMES S. BURNS, Pres.
WM. CLARK, Sec.

THE FOLLOWING SAYS: That you can get a Doll Carriage, a Go-Cart or a handsome Doll with a pound of Tea or a two pounds of Coffee at Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The two o'clock and five o'clock editions of The Sun are on sale every day at both newsstands in the Union station, Boston.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—An experienced kitchen girl; no washing. 39 Appleton street.

WANTED—A Protestant woman for general housework in family of two. Call 229 Westford street.

WANTED—Kitchen girl. 92 John St.

WANTED—At once, general housework girl; none but experienced girl need apply. 261 Third street.

WANTED—Knitter who thoroughly understands Scott & Williams and Mayo full automatic hosiery machines; must also understand loopers and ribbers; state age, experience and salary expected; position out of town; all applications treated confidentially. Address "Knitter," Sun office.

YOUNG MEN, also ladies, wanted, understand some cooking, waiting on trade; fine lunch room. Reynolds', Palmer St.

WANTED—Smart woman, understands cooking, also waiting on trade; fine lunch room. Apply after 10 a. m. Reynold's, Palmer street.

WANTED—A scrub woman. Apply at Merrimack house.

RULER WANTED—A steady, reliable first class paper ruler can have a life position in a Massachusetts coast city. Bank and corporation work. Man with family preferred. Address box 15, Lowell Sun office.

WANTED—A first class collector; state experience, age and salary expected. Address box 20, Sun office.

WANTED—Table girl at Mrs. Coughlin's, 714 Suffolk street.

WANTED

YOUNG LADIES to learn the fastest system of shorthand in 20 lessons; absolutely most complete and up-to-date methods; position guaranteed; lessons by mail exclusively; no interference with regular occupation; 25 cents per lesson; no difficulties; everything simple and clear; indorsed by boards of education and leading newspapers; thousands of graduates; first lesson free for stamps. Department 85 A, Campaign of Education, 211 Townsend bldg, New York.

YOUNG MEN to learn the fastest system of shorthand in 20 lessons; absolutely most complete and up-to-date methods; position guaranteed; lessons by mail exclusively; no interference with regular occupation; 25 cents per lesson; no difficulties; everything simple and clear; indorsed by board of education and leading newspapers; thousands of graduates; first lesson free for stamps. Department 31 A, Campaign of Education, 211 Townsend bldg, New York.

WANTED—Job printing outfit; price must be cheap. Address W. A. B., Sun office.

A. O. U. W.—This is important; send your name, age and address to P. O. box 469, Lowell, Mass.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Light-colored terrier dog wearing collar with no name; any information leading to recovery will be rewarded. Thos. M. Davis, 20 Nelson street.

LOST—Lady's fur boa at Lowell Junction Sunday at 6.15 p. m. Reward at 32 Phillips street. Tel. 962-3.

LOST—Lady's lace boas between Middle and Central streets Saturday. Return to 692 Central street.

LOST—Somewhere between Race and Lee streets, a wrist bag with pocketbook inside containing $6 in bills. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at 35 Race street.

LOST—Blue beaded purse Thursday between 11 and 12 a. m. Reward at 39 Walker street.

FOUND—On Tewksbury road, a Boston bag containing a pocketbook with small sum of money. Owner can have by calling on C. G. Spaulding, East Billerica.

LOST—A sum of money Sunday between Chestnut street and St. Anne's church. Return to this office and receive reward.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Cheap, on easy terms, the homestead of the late Samuel Greenwood, corner of Hale and Railroad streets, containing 8,000 feet of land; well built cottage house in the best of repair; furnace heat, large barn and carriage house; room to put up a large block which would rent at a good profit; also an eight-room cottage house corner of Fay and Potter streets. Inquire at Greenwood Bros., china store, 31 Central street.

MONEY TO LOAN

PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A. Stein, 312 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office, (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants and salaried people; easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters, boarding houses, without security; easy payments; largest business in 42 principal cities. Tolman, Room 26, Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinhas, room 9, Earlsters hall.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—Housework or take care of children; a good home rather than high wages. Address A. L., Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by a steady, experienced woman, housework in city or country. Please call evenings at 5 Fernald street.

WANTED—Situation by lady to do light housework; does not object to children. Call 18 Branch street.

BUSINESS CHANCES

GREAT opportunity offered: $1000 for $150, $100 for $15. For particulars write American Oil & Coal Co., Seattle, Wash.

ANY BUSINESS can be improved by advertising it in this column.

THE SUN Is on Sale At both Newstands In the Union Station BOSTON

FOR SALE

SLEIGH FOR SALE—A second-hand driving sleigh, cheap. Inquire at Goyette's paint shop, 285 Thorndike street.

CANARY BIRDS for sale, Norwich and German, at 317 Dutton street.

FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $300, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—Wood in large or small lots at the lowest possible prices. P. Cogger, 438 Riverside street. Telephone 452-2.

PUPS for sale at Mr. Lynch's, next house to Foster school, Tewksbury Centre.

FOR SALE—Furnished boarding house full of boarders. Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—Carrots for horses by the barrel. C. H. Cutter, 694 Mammoth road, Dracut. Telephone connection.

FOR SALE—Restaurant doing a good business, a good investment; ill health the cause for wishing to sell. Call at 60 Gorham street.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c.; 1½ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 158 Merrimack street.

MISCELLANEOUS

TELEGRAPHY—A new class will open Jan. 1st. Anyone desiring to enter this class should apply to H. L. Whitten, 930 Gorham street.

SKATES—Hollow ground, 5c per pair. Morrison's Auto Co., 125-193 Moody street.

WHITE SEWING MACHINES, 376 Bridge St.—The Automatic drop machine is King; it is a real eyeopener; we sell the Queen also; we repair all kinds of sewing machines; give us a call.

HIGHLAND REMNANT STORE, 39 Pine street—We are showing a fine line of mercerized vestings, wash silks, Ottomans, Eddy silks, mercerized cheviots, basket goods, Barnaby ginghams for shirts, waists and suits; no finer line in the city and prices below all reason; there is nothing that will make any better Christmas present than a nice shirt waist; all colors guaranteed and patterns up to date; in fact, everything is the latest.

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2½ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

MRS. ADAMS, clairvoyant and card reader and ladies' employment office. 335 Gorham street, opp. Court house.

W. S. WONG HO, 31 John street—All kinds of teas, children's toys, silks, China ware and fancy goods; low prices.

MADAME LENORE, clairvoyant and card reader, 71 Tyler street. Ladies 25c, gentlemen 50c. Hours 10 a. m. to 12 and 2 to 10 p. m.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack woolen mills. Corner store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

HORSEMEN, ATTENTION—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.00; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Padden at the Fair Grounds shoeing forge, 1054 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass.

PIANO OR ORGAN LESSONS at your home; special pains taken with children or advanced pupils; will accompany any instrument for entertainments; years of experience. Mabel Randall, Chelmsford Centre.

STOVES—New and secondhand, bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 165 Middlesex street.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1128 Bridge street. Telephone.

MUSIC—German zither music furnished at reasonable rates for concerts, dinner parties, church entertainments and home socials. John C. Hansen, Bon Marche studio.

IF YOU WANT your mattresses made over at your home call at 930 Central St.

BUY YOUR HAT at Delorme's, where you can have it cleaned free of charge for one year. Repairing a specialty. 261 Middlesex street.

SAVE MONEY by buying your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co.'s, 150 Gorham St. We will paper your room with gilt paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; also furniture moving done in a careful manner; always big bargains at our store. McGauvran Bros., Merrimack street, opp. City hall.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination, used by 20,000 women; price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MOTHERS—Bent's Destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp; prevents falling hair; harmless, 25c. Only at Falls & Burkinshaw's, 418 Middlesex street.

TO LET

TO LET—Large cottage with bath on Coral street, $20; good tenement of six rooms on Chelmsford street, $12; new cottage on Island street, $14. Apply to A. L. Russell, 407 Middlesex street.

TO LET—New cottage house of seven rooms, bath and barn, on Whiteman St., off Princeton; rent $16. Inquire at 15 Claire street.

FOR RENT—In the Highlands, an upstairs flat of five rooms with bath. 178 Stevens street, near corner of Westford. Rent $11.

TO LET—Steam heated rooms, gas and bath. Wedman house, Centralville, 15 W 4th street.

TO LET—Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $6.50; Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $7; Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $7.50; close to Northern depot, 4 rooms, $8.50; Centralville, handy to mills, 3 rooms, $5.50; 5 rooms, $6.50; 5 rooms, $7.50. Concord street, 3 rooms, $6.50; house and barn and 3 acres of land on Hildreth street, $12.50; Chelmsford street, cottage and barn, $8. The above has been made extra snug and warm for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 61 Central St.

TO LET—At 108 Butterfield street, furnished room with steam heat, bath and gas; lady preferred; $1.50 per week.

TO RENT—Convenient 4-room tenement for small family. G. P. Walker, 961 Middlesex street.

TO LET—One 4-room and one 3-room tenement. Inquire at 81 Chestnut street.

TO LET—Small tenements, 634 Broadway; rent low.

TO LET—Blacksmith shop fully equipped ready for business. Apply at 355 Lincoln street.

TO LET—Tenement of 5 rooms with or without barn. 1a Lombard street.

TO LET—A desirable house on South Canton street, all modern improvements, steam heat. Inquire at 912 Middlesex St.

TENEMENTS in all parts of the city at all prices; we have several that will make extra warm, sunny homes for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 61 Central street.

TO LET—5, 6, 7-room tenements in good repair. 161 Lawrence street.

TWO FRAUDS.

The merchant who would try to sell a pair of shoes without opening the box in which they came from the factory, would be regarded as a fraud and a trickster, and the newspaper which denies to the advertiser all the information he desires in reference to its circulation, must not expect the confidence of its patrons.

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SWORN CIRCULATION FOR NOVEMBER

The sworn daily average circulation of the Lowell Sun for the month of November, 1903, was **14,546** A gain of 1039 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, December 1, 1903.

JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

It seems really absurd and unreasonable, if women are allowed to vote for school committee men at the polls that they are not allowed under the provisions of the Luce law to participate in the caucuses for the nomination of their candidates. We think this is a limitation of their franchise privileges. If they are entitled to vote for the candidates, they should also be entitled to select the nominees for whom they desire to vote on election day. This is a defect in the Luce law which should be remedied right away. We feel upon this question as we have always felt on the question of women suffrage. The main question to determine is do the women want to vote? If they do we never have been in favor of refusing them that privilege or abridging it. They are subject to the laws of the commonwealth and to the observance of municipal regulations. Why they should not be privileged to vote for those who make these laws and regulations we never could see. We do not say it is advisable to have women go into the turmoil of political life, but if they wish to, we do not know of any reason why an intelligent woman cannot vote as well as an intelligent man. On the license question particularly, women should have had a vote long ago. No one is more affected by the saloon than the wives and mothers. If they voted on this question the liquor stores would have been closed many years ago, and the moral condition of society would be greatly improved. Women at least do not make up the crowds of corner loafers and bummers who hang about the streets and sell their votes on election day. They do not form any part of the machinery that is making politics a disgrace, and we do not know but what it is about time for women to enter the political field to purify it. Mrs. Duff of the Boston school board has done more for the schools of Boston and for the purification of school board politics than any one else in the last generation. It would be well for Boston and other cities if there were more women like her in public life. Who knows but all our political evils are waiting for the purifying hand of the new woman?

THE PARK COMMISSION.

We hear many people expressing the fear that the park commission is getting altogether too popular and that it may work upon public sympathy so far as to induce the people to extend its powers even to the departments of streets, roads and bridges. From present indications we should consider this by no means a calamity. It is very near time that our streets, roads and bridges were taken out of the hands of people who imagine that they are the natural prey of every combination of grafters, loafers and politicians that can form a temporary combine for the purpose of robbing the city. If the park commission or any other commission can take hold of our street department and run it as economically and with as good results as the park commission is running our parks and commons it would be pleasing to the citizens of Lowell and would remove a very bothersome factor from the field of local politics. The park commission has done more work and better work for less money than any committee of the city government was ever able to do. We have no doubt they will distinguish themselves still further by improving our park system, relegating the loafers and bummers to the rear and procuring for the city a dollar's worth of labor and material for every dollar expended. If we could do something of this sort in all our city departments we would not be crying out against a high tax rate and the idiotic antics of members of the city council who go to city hall as if armed with a dark lantern, a jimmy, a hammer, a bunch of keys and a little nitro glycerine for the purpose of working on the city treasury vaults and distributing the loot among their political proteges and ward bosses. We do not look upon the prospect of extending the care of our streets to the park commission or any similar commission with anything like fear. Indeed it is almost time to turn the whole affair over to some board or commission that will give us decent streets and roads leading out of the city, something that we have never had and never will have under present methods.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

What is the use of getting up a scare in the cotton industry in Lowell? Our mills are well supplied with cotton and they have orders enough ahead to keep them running for many a long day, and when they run out of cotton they can buy more on the market the same as any other manufacturers. As we said in a previous article, if there is any necessity for curtailment, there is no doubt that the Manufacturers' association will take into consideration the fact that Lowell had an extended period of idleness on account of the strike last spring, and will bring about a curtailment if it is necessary in other parts of New England. Indeed we have the opinion of one of our local manufacturers to this effect, and he feels satisfied that there will be no curtailment in any of the large concerns in this section of the country. It is true our storehouses were well filled at the time of the strike, but the shipments during that period of idleness depleted them so far that it will be many months before they are in the condition which existed prior to the strike. Some people are needlessly nervous over the high price of cotton. They fear that it will result in an increase in the price of goods that will be more than met by foreign competition, but these unthinking persons are not aware of the fact that the bulk of the cotton which is used all over the world is raised in this country, and no manufacturer has yet been able to import cotton from the United States and return the finished product to this market in competition with the home manufacturers. It is plain, therefore, that this imaginary competition is hardly worth considering. The cotton manufacturers of this country are masters of the situation; they have controlled the market for years and will continue to do so until some new source of supply for cotton is discovered.

ELECT POLICE COMMISSIONERS AT THE POLLS.

Why wouldn't it be a good plan to have our police commissioners elected at the polls? We really see no objection to it, and there are many advantages that would accrue by submitting this question to popular vote. It may be argued that this would bring the board of police into politics, but pray when was the board of police ever out of politics? We think it would do away with a great deal of the confusion that is brought about during a mayoralty contest because of the uncertainty as to who will be appointed by the mayor to the board of police. It is simply outrageous to subordinate a mayoralty contest to any such an absurd contingency.

After all, isn't it in line with modern popular ideas to allow the people to select the heads of important departments at the polls? If the people elected their own commissioners, it would relieve the mayor of the city of a big responsibility, and would throw upon the people the burden which of right belongs to them. If they are so anxious to know who will or who will not be elected police commissioner they should settle it for themselves at the polls. We believe the term should be reduced to three years, one commissioner to be elected each year and be subject to the present provisions for his removal in case of incompetency or malfeasance in office. Sooner or later something of this sort will be brought about because of the provoking complications which arise in every municipal contest over the question of the police commissionership.

SEEN AND HEARD

A young lady who received a handsome watch from her beau as a Christmas gift was so delighted with it that while at church Christmas evening she removed the timepiece from its resting place 35 times within an hour and gazed upon it with an expression that almost made her say: "Oh, you dear boy!"

"My watch is sick," said a Billerica lady to a friend who inquired for the time.

"What is the trouble?" inquired the friend.

"It has a pain (pane) in the face," replied the young lady from Billerica.

THEIR MOTHER'S INTEREST.

I know four little boys who were very happy on Christmas day. They were the recipients of a generous supply of nice presents, but that wasn't all. The presence of their mother in the room where the Christmas tree was planted and where the presents were piled high lent an enchantment to the occasion that was far dearer to the children than the presents. She gave up the whole day to them. She played with them, shared their joy and excitement and helped them to feel that the day was real and that the world is made beautiful by affection and good conduct. A toy engine that wouldn't work was the only drawback that the boys met with, and they didn't mind a little thing like that.

STOLE AN OVERCOAT.

Eddie Maguire of the Boston Post visited friends in Lowell about a week ago looking resplendent in a Count Du Laporett overcoat. Eddie's tailor took particular pains with the coat and made of it "one grand garment." The fellows with whom he associated while in the newspaper business in Lowell cast envious glances at Eddie's coat, but subsequent developments went to prove that the coat was safer here than in Boston. Early Tuesday morning Eddie blew into the office of the Post with scoop number 13. He left his overcoat in the Post city room and while he was engaged in painting his scoop William J. Parker, unable to withstand the exquisite beauty of the garment, purloined it, and at 3.30 that morning he was pursued by a fusilade of shots from the revolver of Patrolman Denis J. Casey of station 2. After finishing his two column exclusive Eddie looked for his coat but found it not. Strenuous and thorough was the search but poor Eddie had to give it up for lost.

About 3 o'clock, however, two members of the Post staff recognized the coat on a man who was hanging about Gridley's restaurant. They set a watch on the man while they sent a messenger to Bulfinch place for Eddie.

As the man evidently soon suspected he was being watched he began to slink away and the watchers thought it better to get an officer to hold him.

This was done, and the man was taken to station 2.

Just as Patrolman Casey got him to the door, the man, who was afterwards found to be William J. Parker, suddenly broke away from the officer and ran through City hall avenue and into School street.

Patrolman Casey drew his revolver and fired in the air, shouting, "Stop, or I'll shoot to kill."

Mr. Charles W. Goddard of the Post, who was on the scene, joined in the chase.

Goddard shed his overcoat as he ran, and another Post man, Mr. Gillooley, rescued it, and by sprinting the two were only a few yards behind the flying man at the corner of Kilby street. The officer had emptied his revolver but he evidently tried not to hit the fugitive.

At Kilby street Parker shed Maguire's coat, dropping it into the street. He tripped over a drain pipe and recovered himself in time to stagger on down Kilby street.

Along Kilby street Parker and Goddard staggered, both getting tired out. The patrolman had dropped behind.

At the corner of State street a boy of about twelve years appeared in Parker's way.

"Stop that thief!" was yelled and the boy stood stock still in the thief's way.

"I give up," Parker gasped and leaned panting against the building. He made no resistance as Goddard grabbed him.

Mr. Gillooley led a crowd in chase of the fugitive clear down to Atlantic avenue and back to State street.

When the crowd entered Kilby street there was nearly 100 persons with lanterns and revolvers, accompanied by two policemen.

Almost all Newspaper Row accompanied the man to station 2, where he gave his name as William J. Parker, living at the Hotel Rexford.

JOKE ON THE REPORTER.

A few evenings ago a woman called at the police station and was closeted for nearly an hour with an officer and another attache of that institution. It was dark enough to render it hard to discern features in the room where the woman and the two men were talking and a reporter passed through the room shortly after the woman arrived. A little earlier in the evening an alleged shoplifter had been taken to the police station and the reporter, desirous of getting all that was coming in the line of news, flitted back and forth through the room in a vain attempt to learn what was going on. The conversation between the woman and the two men was being carried on in a low tone and when the reporter's curiosity had reached a very high pitch, one of the men, not the officer, approached him.

"What's that woman doing here?" asked the reporter.

"I couldn't afford to tell you that."

"Why not?" insisted the reporter.

"Because I am an attache of this place and it wouldn't be right for me to give you the story. It would really mean insubordination."

"Of course you know, I don't want to get left on a good story," suggested the scribe.

"I don't suppose you do, but I have told you how I stand," said the man with the story.

"Oh, come on, let me have it. I don't have to say that you told me the story."

"You'll promise to protect me?"

"I surely will."

"Then," said the man with the story, "I will tell you. That is Billy's wife. I have known her for years, and we were just talking over old times."

The reporter was a little bit vexed but he had to pocket his rage.

"For heaven's sake don't tell Billy that I thought his wife was a shoplifter," said the scribe as he bolted for the street.

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This table is modeled from the card table made for the American Whist club—size 32 in. x 27 in., cloth covered top and just the right height for card playing. The legs folding up against the top, it may be put away, and takes up very little space, when not in use.

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Now is just the time to order an overcoat as fine as the best Boston tailor can make, of

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A LADY GOING HOME WITHOUT A BOX OF

HARRY RICHARDSON'S CAKE

STEAMER KIOWA

SUNK IN COLLISION IN BOSTON HARBOR.

BOSTON, Dec. 28—No arrangements have yet been made towards raising the Clyde line steamer Kiowa, which was sunk below Boston light in the thick snowstorm Saturday by the outward-bound fruiter Admiral Dewey. The vessel lies on an even keel with her masts and the top of her smokestack projecting above the water. Her decks are covered by 11 feet of water at low tide, and great difficulty will be experienced in lifting her from the bottom, on account of the depth of water in which she is. Before any attempt can be made to raise the craft, the great hole in her port side must be patched by divers and this work will take considerable time. The steamer will remain in her present position for some weeks, if, in fact, she is ever brought to the surface.

Representatives of the Clyde line will reach here today from New York and after viewing the wreck arrangements will probably be made for an attempt to float the steamer.

A conservative estimate of the value of her cargo is $165,000.

WINTRY WEATHER

WAS TOO MUCH FOR THE METHUENS.

An interesting game in the Merrimack Valley league was scheduled to take place on Saturday afternoon between the Methuens and U. S. Buntings. The wintry weather no doubt kept the visiting team from putting in an appearance. As, however, no word had been sent to them that the game was off and the homesters and referee, T. McDermott of Lawrence, were in attendance, the latter blew his whistle at the time arranged for the game to start. The Buntings lined up and the ball was kicked through the uprights. The referee then awarded the game to them.

This virtual defeat will practically put the Methuens out of the running for the championship.

Followers of the game of football will be sorry to hear that Ted Nelson of the Buntings is likely to retire permanently from the game, being forced to do so owing to an injury to his knee which some five or six weeks ago was badly kicked.

COMPANY C

TO HAVE THE PARKER CUP UNTIL NEXT SEASON.

The possession of the Parker cup until the opening of the shooting season next year was settled at the Dracut rifle range by representatives of the three local companies Saturday afternoon. The weather conditions were about the worst that a shoot was ever held under in this city, Lance Corp. Flynn won the cup for Co. C by a score of 42. Sergt. Berry of the same company shot the score but was outranked by Lance Corp. Flynn's. The cup will remain in the possession of Co. C till next season, making the eighth consecutive winter that it has been held by it. The men shooting and their scores follow: Sergt. Berry 42, Sergt. Peterson 39, Sergt. Leary 37, Lance Corp. Flynn 42 of Co. C, Private Baker of Co. G 40, Sergt. Scott 38, Capt. McNally 37, Corp. Black 30 of Co. M.

Young Men's Overcoats $5.00

Here are twenty-two of them—made from Oxford mixed and black all wool friezes, cut very long, and nicely tailored—sizes 31 to 34 breast measure, just right for large boys 16 to 18 years old. These sold for $8.00, $10.00 and $12.00, all marked today to sell for **$5.00**

18 Boys' Reefers $1.00

One dollar is the price because the reefers are all small sizes, 3 years and 4. Blue chinchillas with velvet collars or all wool friezes with storm collars. These sold as high as $2.50—all today marked **$1.00**

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NARROW ESCAPE

German Liner Passed Over Hidden Mine

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28—The steamer Spinano Maru, which arrived yesterday from China and Japan ports, brought a remarkable story from Singapore, which is vouched for by Shanghai papers, of the narrow escape of the German mail liner Prinz Heinrich from being blown up by a submarine mine. When the steamer was leaving Singapore a steam launch with a large party of British naval officers on board steamed towards her and the British naval men shouted excitedly: "You are in great danger. Right in front you is a submarine mine; for God's sake go astern full speed."

Capt. Peintzer, realizing that his vessel had too much way to stop quickly, steamed ahead, hoping to get over the danger spot. Suddenly the mine exploded about two lengths astern with a tremendous roar, throwing up the water with a great splash.

CONVENTION HISTORY

PECULIAR FACTS OF NATIONAL NOMINATION AND ELECTION.

The only presidential and vice-presidential candidates ever nominated by a convention in which both were delegates were Garfield and Arthur, in the Chicago convention of 1880. When the convention met, their names had hardly been mentioned as possible nominations.

Horatio Seymour was the only presiding officer of a national convention ever nominated for the presidency. The convention was held in New York in 1868.

Thomas A. Hendricks, an avowed candidate for the nomination for first place on the democratic ticket, was a delegate to both conventions in which he was nominated for second place—in St. Louis in 1876 and in Chicago in 1884.

Mr. McKinley, while presiding over the national republican convention in Minneapolis in 1892, was voted for for the the nomination that Mr. Harrison received. Four years later Mr. McKinley was nominated by his party in the St. Louis convention.

Mr. Roosevelt was a member of the Philadelphia convention that nominated him for vice-president in 1900. It has been said that he almost wept with anger because he was forced to accept the nomination for vice-president. If so, it was not the first time in the history of national conventions that the vice-presidential candidate shed tears.

In 1840 John Tyler was a delegate to the Whig convention that nominated William Henry Harrison. He was a worshipper of Henry Clay, who was a candidate for the nomination which Harrison received.

Mr. Tyler was not a candidate for the second place. He devoted all his time to shouting and working for Henry Clay, and when his candidate went down before the hero of Tippecanoe, John Tyler wept like a boy in the convention.

One month after the inauguration of the man whom he had done his utmost to defeat in the convention, Tyler succeeded him as president.

Some peculiar and interesting political facts connected with the vice-presidency are not paralleled by any connected with the presidency. Thus:

If Mr. Webster had accepted the nomination for second place either time at which it was tendered he would have become president by succession.

If Mr. Butler of Massachusetts had accepted the nomination for second place in the convention which renominated Lincoln he would have succeeded to the presidency. It has been related that the convention was ready to give Butler the nomination unanimously, but that he positively refused it.

The man who received the nomination had hardly been mentioned in connection with the vice-presidency, and it is still a question whether his nomination and acceptance was not a mistake. Certain it is that Andrew Johnson was the only president who ever went out of office under a cloud.

Six vice presidents died in office. The first two, Clinton of New York and Gerry of Massachusetts, died in the administrations of Madison. The others were King of Alabama, in Pierce's administration; Wilson of Massachusetts, in Grant's; Hendricks of Indiana, in Cleveland's, and Hobart of New Jersey, in McKinley's.

The only vice-president who ever resigned was John C. Calhoun. He served less than three months of his term.

WM. J. BRYAN

WAS THE GUEST OF AMBASSADOR TOWER.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—William J. Bryan was entertained at luncheon Saturday by Ambassador Tower privately and called on Foreign Secretary Richthofen. Emperor William has expressed regrets at the fact that domestic Christmas festivities will prevent him from receiving Mr. Bryan in audience. About 1500 Americans and distinguished Germans were introduced Saturday afternoon to Mr. Bryan at the reception at the chamber of commerce given in his honor. Mr. Bryan will sail for New York, Wednesday, from Liverpool on the Celtic.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Manager Murphy of the Academy of Music has displayed exceedingly good taste in booking "Miss New York, Jr." as the attraction of his theatre for three nights and usual matinee commencing tonight. This metropolitan success is an extravaganza of rare merit embracing an unexcelled aggregation of artists. The opening attraction will be a one-act farce entitled "Thirty Minutes at Sea," in which are introduced all the latest songs with beautiful and handsomely costumed girls, funny comedians and an array of specialists who are all artists in their line, viz: Miss Granville, a mezzo-contralto of rare ability; Suderland and Fooda, dainty little singers and dancers; Udell and Pearce, as Alphonse and Gaston; Adams and Edwards in their laughable absurdity, "Hehneman's Domestic Bliss;" Marion and Pearl, comedians and acrobats. The closing skit is a satire entitled "Ye Destrict Skule," making the organization one of the greatest laughing hits travelling.

THIS WEEK AT THE CASTO.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins Fisher head the program at the Casto Theatre this week, and they will present Ezra Kendall's rural character sketch entitled "The Half-Way House," one of the most entertaining and amusing acts in vaudeville. The remainder of the program is up to the high Casto standard and will draw large crowds to the Shattuck street theatre this week. Green trading stamps are still given free at the Casto.

HANNA MAY RUN

Boom for "Boss" Being Revived

AKRON, O., Dec. 28.—A great revival of feeling for Hanna as presidential candidate has been caused by the refusal of Gen. Dick to talk on his statement of a few days ago, when he said positively that Hanna would not be a candidate for the presidency. Gen. Dick, since he made that statement, has held conferences with several of the foremost republican politicians of the state, and it is now believed here that Hanna will be nominated.

Gen. Dick, when asked regarding the report that Hanna was slated for the nomination, refused to talk, and in view of the vehemence with which he formerly declared against his nomination, it is now thought that at a secret conference Hanna has been decided upon, and has consented to run for the presidential chair.

Several quiet meetings of prominent politicians have been held within the past few days, and it leaked out yesterday that at a secret meeting with several republican central committeemen Dick suggested that the state convention be held about the middle of May. Ohio Roosevelt supporters were eager for an early convention, and take the late date selected as an indication that Roosevelt will not be nominated. Dick will not explain, affirm or deny it.

KILLED BY COLD

Man Found Unconscious in Street

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The body of a man, afterward identified as Frank Moran of Waterhill street, Lynn, was found on Revere street, Revere, yesterday morning. Death had apparently been caused by cold and exhaustion.

Isaac S. Johnson, an elderly resident of Stowers street, Revere, saw the body lying in the snow, partly in the street and partly on the sidewalk, about 7 o'clock. He sent word to Patrolman Stewart at the town police station, and Stewart and Patrolman McChrystal went with the police wagon. Although the extremities of the body were frozen, the trunk was still warm, and the officers lashed their horse to top speed in getting back to the station. There they worked on the man for half an hour, applying hot cloths, etc., but Dr. Walsh declared that the man was past all human aid.

In the afternoon the Lynn police learned that the body was that of Moran. He was a morocco worker, employed by Webber Bros., of Lynn, and had but one arm. He was 40 years old, married, and the father of nine children.

The body was sent to Lynn, and the Revere police did not learn much about Moran's movements, except that somebody reported that a man answering his description had been seen in the town about 6 o'clock yesterday morning, asking for a car for Lynn.

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ON THE CREASE

Mohairs to Join New Cricket League

Not since the days of the old-time contests between the Arlingtons and Lawrences of Lawrence and the Internationals of Lowell has there been so much interest shown in cricket in the Merrimac valley as during the past four seasons. During that time the contests in the Merrimac valley have been largely attended, the game has grown in favor, and the standard of play improved.

The powerful Mohair team of Lowell has carried all before it each season, and the clubs in the valley have gradually arranged themselves into two classes, Mohair easily holding itself at the head. Especially during last season did the fact become patent that a classification must be made or the league would fall through, as it was becoming a farce for the weaker clubs to try conclusions with the three or four very strong ones.

With a pardonable anxiety for more worlds to conquer, Mohair took the initiative in planning a league that should take in all the stronger clubs in and around Boston, and thus form a state league. This movement has been carried through successfully, and all these clubs affiliated as the Massachusetts cricket league. This league has two divisions, the first division embracing nine strong clubs, while the second takes in the weaker clubs and the second teams of the stronger ones.

The first division includes East Boston, Roxbury, Everett, Brockton, Lynn Wanderers, Mohair and Bunting of Lowell, and Merrimac and Lawrence of Lawrence. The second section has Chelsea, West India and West India Wanderers, both of Boston, Lynn Athletic, and the second teams of East Boston, Everett, Lynn Wanderers and Bunting, while it is quite probable that each division will contain ten clubs before the season opens. Cricket around Boston has become quite a drawing card, as large numbers attend the games at Franklin field, East Boston and Everett, and with these clubs in a league with the strong ones of Lowell, Lawrence and Brockton, still greater interest will be shown, and the game grow still more popular.

East Boston, Roxbury and Everett play on public grounds, while Brockton and Mohair probably lead the rest in having really good private creases. Brockton is fortunate in having some wealthy members, some of whom have donated a large sum for a larger clubhouse.

The officers of the new league are: J. F. Dixon of Everett, pres., E. Ashley of Brockton, vice pres., James Bennett of Lynn, sec., and John Kilan of Chelsea, treas. Other responsible men fill offices of trustees, auditors, etc.

The Western Massachusetts league, which takes in four clubs in and around Northampton has for its leading spirit "Doc" Middleton, a former secretary of the Boston club of the '50s.

Read the Oriental Bazaar's ad.

GOT UP A SCRAP

ONLY WAY TO KEEP THEMSELVES FROM FREEZING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—William Donaly and John Laplig of this city left Lindenhurst before sunrise Saturday for a day's gunning on the Great South bay. They had gone a short distance when the mast of the little boat snapped. With great difficulty they rescued the sail and reshipped the mast, but the gale soon whipped the sail to ribbons and they were forced to scud east before the breeze.

At nightfall the ice closed in around them and prevented the boat from drifting further. The mercury dropped below the zero mark. The men had not the slightest shelter, and for 12 hours they had to jump up and down and spar with each other to keep from freezing.

At daybreak yesterday Donaly hoisted a flag of distress on an oar. The signal was recognized by Capt. Philip Sammis, and Sammis and his brother Andrew went to the rescue. When they reached the men Laplig was nearly dead, but Donaly was not much the worse for the exposure.

KILLED HIMSELF

EAST BOSTON MAN VICTIM OF SAD ACCIDENT.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—While returning from a trip after duck yesterday afternoon, Charles Silvey, 40 years old, who resided at 284 Maverick street, East Boston, fell off a fence and accidentally pulled the trigger of the shotgun which he carried, the charge entering his left thigh and lodging in the abdomen and causing his death half an hour later at the City hospital relief station.

The accident happened at 1.45. The fence from which Mr. Silvey fell is but a short distance from his home and the tragic event was witnessed by his wife and children, who were sitting in the kitchen waiting for him to return.

Near Mr. Silvey's home is a marsh, which starts near the tracks of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn railroad and extends nearly as far as Wood island. Mr. Silvey was sitting in his window reading a newspaper when he saw a flock of ducks out on the marsh. Calling the attention of his wife to the birds, he said he would like to get some of them. Preparing his gun, he started for the marsh, but when he reached there the ducks had flown and Mr. Silvey started back home.

He took a short cut which necessitated his climbing a fence back of the railroad tracks. In getting over the fence, it is supposed that he missed his footing and his hand struck the trigger of the gun as he fell. The shot entered the upper portion of his left thigh near the abdomen.

The report of the gun attracted a large number of persons and Mr. Silvey's wife and children also came rushing to the scene. He was picked up and conveyed to Neil's fish house. Here the seriousness of the wound was discovered and the police ambulance was called. Five minutes after reaching the hospital Mr. Silvey died.

ADMIRAL O'NEILL

BOSTON MAN WILL GET THE RANK.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Next Friday Rear Admiral George W. Sumner, U. S. N., will retire from active service because of having reached the age limit of 62 years, and another Boston man, Capt. Charles O'Neil, will become a full rank rear admiral of the active list.

Capt. O'Neil, who for the past seven years has been the chief of the naval bureau of ordnance with the temporary acting rank of rear admiral, will probably not fly his flag as a flag officer of active rank in the navy, for he, in turn, will retire from active duty on March 15 next, because of reaching the age of 62.

SLEIGHING SKETCHES ON THE BOULEVARD YESTERDAY.

TWO FAT TURKEYS

Young Man Got Them at the Union Market

And Didn't Pay for Them—They Were Charged to Martin Mack the Lunch Cart Man—Alleged Thief Had Skeleton Key

Officer Henry Somers, Saturday evening, arrested Louis Crepeau, alias Louis Whipple, on suspicion of larceny. Louis was not a stranger to the officer and there was no doubt in the officer's mind as to Louis' guilt. The young man was charged with the larceny of two turkeys.

When Louis wants anything he wants it bad and Thursday he wanted two fat turkeys. He used to work for Martin J. Mack, the night lunch man, and he decided to get the turkeys in Martin's name. He went to the Union market in Middlesex street and told Frank Lang, one of the clerks, that Martin Mack sent him for turkeys. "He told me to get two 15-pound turkeys," said Louis. The clerk replied that he was a little short on big birds but that he would get two such as he wanted. The result was that Louis got the birds.

Saturday afternoon Mr. Mack was made acquainted with the fact that two turkeys were charged up to him at the Union market and he wondered why. He was told that a fellow by the name of Whipple called at the market and ordered two 15-pound turkeys, stating that Martin Mack had sent for them.

"Oh, the brazen thing," said Martin, "I didn't send him after turkeys. He doesn't work for me and I have no use for the turkeys."

The police were notified and Crepeau's arrest followed. He refused to discuss the turkey question and it was not until he had been run through the question machine in the inspectors' office that he even admitted getting the turkeys. Despite the fact that besides the officers Crepeau talked to Martin Mack and Frank King, he was at no time in the least disturbed. He said he didn't tell King that Mack had sent him for the turkeys.

"What did you say to Mr. King?" asked Deputy Welch.

"I told him I wanted two turkeys like the ones he gave Martin Mack." That was the sum and substance of his story about the turkeys.

Crepeau had a bunch of keys in his possession when arrested and one of them was a skeleton key. When Martin Mack turned his eyes on the bunch of keys he recognized among them a key to his front door and also a key to his ice chest.

"Have you any use for those keys?" asked Mr. Mack.

"Only when I go to your place," replied the unsquelchable Louis.

"Go to my place?" repeated Martin.

"That's what I said."

"How long since you've been at my place?"

"I and other fellows have been at your house several times."

"Were you there when I was at home?"

"Yes, we've been there when you were sleeping soundly."

Despite their best efforts to continue along the stern lines which they had mapped out the officers were forced to smile at the conclusion of the little dialogue between Mr. Mack and the man with the keys.

Crepeau has a court record. On Sept. 17 he was arraigned in police court on a complaint charging him with cutting the warp on a loom in the Merrimack mills, and was fined $25.

He denied that he was the Louis Crepeau who was before the court in July, 1898, and fined $15 for the larceny of a ring. He said it was a cousin of his, but when told that his relatives would be brought to the police station he admitted that he was the Louis Crepeau in question.

ANOTHER'S PAY

John Flynn Turned Trick on Pawnbroker

Officer Palmer, Saturday evening, arrested John H. Flynn on a warrant charging him with the larceny of $7.50 from Thomas H. Kelly, pawnbroker. Flynn was under the influence of liquor when arrested.

Flynn, it is alleged, went to Kelly's pawn shop in Middlesex street one day last week and represented himself to be Patrick J. Carney. He said that he had a week's pay coming to him from the Merrimack corporation and he wanted to sell it at a reasonable figure. He secured his price, went away and Kelley immediately took steps to stop the victim's pay. When pay day arrived there was one man on the Merrimack who did not get his envelope, and when he questioned the paymaster with regard to it he was informed that it had been signed over to Mr. Kelly. An investigation was started and resulted in a warrant being sworn out for Flynn's arrest.

A CHRISTMAS TREE.

The children of the primary, intermediate and kindergarten departments of the First Congregational church enjoyed a fine Christmas tree Saturday afternoon. There were over 100 children present. Santa Claus was called off to another part of the country and was unable to be present, but an interesting letter from Santa stating the reason why he could not be there was read.

The letter was read by Assistant Sunday School Superintendent H. R. Blanchard. All of the children in the primary and intermediate school received books as gifts, and the children in the kindergarten school were presented with toys. Ice cream and cake was served by the teachers in charge. It was a joyous time long to be remembered.

The Thompson Hardware Co. has marked down all the toys they had left from Christmas to half price, and have also reduced the price on all games.

GEN. MacARTHUR

Returns From the Hawaiian Islands

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—General MacArthur returned yesterday on the steamer Sibera from the Hawaiian islands, where he has been making a military inspection. One of General MacArthur's first questions was for news concerning the Japanese-Russian controversy, and he listened intently to the information given him. He was then asked:

"Is it true, general, that your visit to the islands was cut short by the probability of war with Panama?"

The general considered the question a moment and said: "Well, I'm here."

His attention was directed to the recent activity displayed in the transport service and he remarked:

"I have not been notified about the transports."

Then the interviewer brought up the subject of the report of Colonel Jones, of the Hawaiian militia, who quoted General MacArthur as saying that war would come between the United States and Germany and that the principal fighting would be in the Pacific, with the Hawaiian islands the objective point. General MacArthur said:

"That is a matter that I will discuss in no way. You must excuse me."

In relation to his trip the general said:

"I made a very thorough inspection of the islands of Oahu and have sent to Washington a complete report of my ideas for the defenses and establishment of fortifications, also the number of posts I thought advisable to establish. The trip was most instructive and valuable. The wealth of the country surprised me and particularly was I amazed at the enormous sugar plantations."

Offensive Even to Myself.—F. A. Bottom, druggist, Cookshire, Que., says: "For 20 years I suffered from catarrh. My breath was very offensive even to myself. I tried everything which promised me a cure. I was induced to try Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. I got relief instantly after first application. It cured me and I am free from all the effects of it." Sold by Falls & Burkinshaw.—19.

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HOBOES RAIDED

MORE ARRESTS MADE BY BOSTON POLICE.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The entire force of inspectors, divided into three squads gathered at different rendezvous just before dawn yesterday morning about 6 o'clock and started out on their raid of hobo lodging houses. Whether there are any dangerous characters or criminals who are wanted in the lot, will not be known until today, but the raiders didn't think that here were any among those taken in who were wanted for anything unless for some petty offence.

The first squad took the West and North Ends and when they got through their work 13 men were locked up at the Hanover street station, and the South End raiders picked up 12. This made a total of 62 arrests.

There is little doubt that the majority of these will be sent away for vagrancy as soon as a judge sees them. Few of them looked as though they had the courage to sign a contract for a whole day's work, and their hands, soft and white on the palms, didn't look much like an every-day workingman's. There wasn't enough money found in the pockets of the whole lot to pay for a room for one night at a medium-class hotel.

C. Y. M. L. DIRECTORS

WERE NAMED AT MEETING YESTERDAY.

The regular meeting of the Catholic Young Men's lyceum of St. Patrick's church was held yesterday afternoon and the following directors were elected for the ensuing term:

John J. Carroll, John J. Doyle, William Enright, J. Harry Flaherty, Joseph Gilby, John M. Hegan, William P. Wholey and Patrick O'Brien. The following named were appointed by Rev. William O'Brien, pastor: John J. O'Connor, William A. Barry, William P. Callahan, Dennis J. Devine, Thomas Mahoney, Timothy Rohan and James Kennedy.

Very favorable reports were read by the chairmen of the different committees. It was announced that the society will put on the well known drama "Friends" in the near future. In all probability the play will be presented during the middle of the month of February.

For the harvest festival committee Mr. John J. O'Connor reported that over $300 had been realized by the event, which clears the organization of all debts, leaving a balance in the treasury of over $200.

The society is to receive communion in a body at the 8 o'clock mass on next Sunday and after the services a breakfast will be served in the Parochial boys' school hall in Suffolk street. This will be followed by an entertainment and meeting of the society.

Best gifts at the Oriental Bazaar.

BARN BURNED

Fire Thought to be of Incendiary Origin

A barn belonging to John O'Donnell, situated on the Old Lowell Road, now known as Dock street, in Tewksbury, was burned last evening, and between eight and ten tons of English and meadow hay, owned by George W. Foster of Tewksbury, went up in smoke. Mr. O'Donnell valued the barn at $800, and the hay was worth at least $125.

The blaze was discovered about a quarter of six by James Callahan, who lives directly opposite on Main street. At that time flames were bursting from the side of the barn and were working their way upward. Mr. Callahan rushed across the street and tried to gain admittance to the O'Donnell house, but found that the doors were locked and that the children, six in number, were locked in. He pried a window and let them out. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell, were visiting a neighbor, William Flynn, at the time, and they were apprised of the fire by one of the children.

By this time the flames had gained so much headway that it was impossible to check the fire. Word was sent to neighbors, who readily responded, and assisted in tearing down the front and sides of the structure. This was done in order that the sparks would not communicate to the house, which stood but a few feet away.

The barn was built about ten years ago and the framework was entirely of oak. Mr. O'Donnell used a portion of the barn for storing furniture, but let the greater portion of it to George Foster, who stored his hay there. Mr. Foster could not be located last night.

Mr. O'Donnell in speaking of the fire, said that he could not possibly account for the fire, but thought that it must have been of incendiary origin, as the place had been securely locked for four days.

The cause of the fire will be investigated either today or tomorrow.

NORTH BILLERICA.

On account of being out on Christmas day the employes of the Talbot mills of North Billerica were obliged to work until 6 o'clock Saturday night. The Faulkner mill closed at noon Saturday.

A pleasant surprise party was held Christmas eve at the home of William Hixson in Wilson street, when a number of his friends called at his home and presented him with a beautiful art square. The presentation speech was made by Jonathan Williams, after which refreshments were served and a good time spent until a late hour.

At a meeting of Danforth lodge, K. of P., held recently the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: C. C., Jeremiah Sheehan; V. C., Frank Bonan; P., James T. Moran; M. W., D. W. Robinson; K. R. S., Edward J. Garner; M. F., Thomas M. Clark; M. C., Richard J. Conway; M. A., Lawrence W. Buckley; I. G., Fred C. Smith; O. G., Robert Paulds; representatives to Grand lodge, Edward J. Garner, D. W. Robinson. Installation will take place Jan. 18, 1904.

The class of '04 of the Howe school will hold a social party in the town hall in the centre village Thursday evening.

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"Winsome Winnie" AND "The Marriage of Kitty"

"WINSOME WINNIE," at the Casino, is indeed winning. Paula Edwardes, the sprightly little comedienne, is dancing and singing her way into the hearts of the folk who have followed her career in previous Casino successes and also in various of the productions of the late Augustin Daly.

Written by the authors of "Erminie," Jakobowski and Paulton (American version by Frederic Ranken and Gustave Kerker), "Winsome Winnie" is a medley of song and story, chiefly song. Brigands bad and brigands bold, terrible, torturesome "Turks" and budding, blushing beauty mingle in the gay and handsome throng. As for the plot, suffice it to say that it creeps out from under cover now and again and nods its head as a guarantee of good faith. But really this proceeding is quite unnecessary, for in these latter comic opera days a well developed, full grown plot is deemed superfluous.

"Winsome Winnie" a Success.

The production is a highly successful one, teeming with merry, catchy songs, resplendent in rich colorings, handsomely costumed and, particularly from the opening of the second act to the play's end, exhibits well sustained action. The early portion of the opening act drags somewhat and could be cut to advantage.

"Winsome Winnie" conforms entirely to Casino traditions in the beauty of its chorus girls. Perhaps herein lies the answer to the question of a fair young woman in the audience who asked of the writer: "Why are so many men always seen at the Casino? There are several boxes containing men exclusively. You never find it so in other theaters." Who knows but that the aforementioned traditions have a deal to do with assemblages in the big red brick building of Moorish architecture?

Willfully Wileful Winnie.

Paula Edwardes is here and there, everywhere. Roguishly coquettish and willfully wileful, she pirouettes about exactly as a real American soubrette would really do if suddenly transplanted into the very heart of a real foreign land where innkeepers and other brigands are on the alert to seize opportunities. (I use the word seize advisedly.)

Miss Edwardes is seen in the best work of her career. There is "something doing" all the time when she is on the stage. Certain of her lines which from other tongues would fall with a sound like unto that of unsupported dough strike humorous keynotes and bring forth storms of laughter.

Winsome Winnie Walker, a soubrette from the United States stranded in Montenegro with a box of papier mache SNaIX, first comes into view as she climbs over the sea wall in Cataro and plumps her dainty feet down on the flagging of the boat landing. "Well, this isn't the first time I've come in with the tide," she remarks as she steps forward, and from that moment she keeps her hearers in good humor.

Winnie's Plight.

Having had "nothing to eat for three days—yesterday, today and—tomorrow 'll be the third," Winnie seeks to earn a few centimes by exhibiting her trained reptiles to the vulgar multitude. One is "a green garter snake with a diamond buckle," another is an accordion plaited anaconda from Montana and a third is a viper with a fondness for lurking in the bottom of the pen, "a regular pen-viper." Oh, dear, oh, dear!

Meeting a heterogeneous party of tourists from the impecunious Lord Poverish's yacht Anita, Winnie accepts a proposition to pose as Marjorie Bell, the wealthy ward of the penniless lord, this young lady (Marjorie) desiring to play a humble role to ascertain whether or not Desmond, the son of Lord Poverish, would love her for herself alone and not for her money. Winnie wins Desmond for herself, although, as W. P. Carleton enacted the role, there was nothing in particular in Desmond to admire. He appeared to vie with Jobyna Howland in being as wooden and as stagy as possible.

Winnie is captured by Brigands (with a colossal B, if you please, Mr. Printer). Led by Pericles (excellently acted by Joseph C. Miron), who as a side line to his highwayman trade operates the aptly named Plucked Pigeon inn, the ignoble wretches imprison her in a second edition of the Bastille, from which Desmond finally releases her.

Of the many songs a pronounced hit is "They're Looking For Me," by Ranken and Kerker.

Joseph Miron's Climax.

Miron brings down the house in "The Montenegrin Patrol," a stirring song with a "brazen bandit" chorus. Paulton and Jakobowski are responsible for this number. Miron interjects considerable animation into the song, and the whole effect, with the mysterious movements of the bandit band, is enjoyable.

James E. Sullivan as Dr. Krause, a Weberfieldian type of Dutchman, and William S. Corliss as Demetrius, a victim of dipsomania, who assists Pericles, are very amusing. Helen Redmond as Aileen Poverish is sweet and gracious. She sings with charm in tone and presence. Isobel Hall as Marjorie Bell is likewise good. As I have before intimated, Jobyna Howland is a discordant note through her lack of ease and grace. Fortunately for "Winsome Winnie," her role is unimportant. Carleton bends backward so stiffly from the waist that one is led to assume that he fears that his great importance will not be fully appreciated by the mere mortals "in front."

Marie Tempest In a Storm of Humor.

Back with us once more after her London experiences, Marie Tempest in "The Marriage of Kitty" at the Hudson theater appears as a comedienne this time instead of in the role of a prima donna of comic opera. She has made the change with great eclat and is undoubtedly giving us one of the best of the season's dishes on the dramatic menu.

Translated from the French of Fred Gresac and F. de Croisset by Cosmo Gordon Lennox, the play, in the original coarse and risque, is not distastefully Gallic in its present form. It sparkles, effervesces, scintillates with humor, at times "spicy," 'tis true, but no suggestion of vulgarity is at any time conveyed.

A close second in the race for honors is Leonard Boyne in the role of a stupid but good natured and withal lovable baronet, Sir Reginald Belsize. Mr. Boyne scored more heavily than any other actor I have ever seen outside of a leading role. An Englishman, he has not been seen here for about ten years, when he appeared in "The Prodigal Daughter."

Kitty's Multitudinous Weddings.

"The Marriage of Kitty" had a run of 350 nights in London. In this case at least American opinion will be shown to coincide with that of the motherland that was. Kitty is due for a long succession of marriages over here.

The Play as It Unfolds.

Miss Katherine Silverton (Miss Tempest) is left a moneyless orphan at the tender age of twenty-nine. Seeking employment, she visits her godfather, a legal luminary. To the lawyer's office have also repaired Sir Reginald and Mme. de Semiano, the latter a Peruvian widow. Sir Reggie has fallen heir to his uncle's large fortune. It will become his if he does not marry this particular widow. They love each other, but they also "need the money." They seek a legal solution of the problem.

The lawyer suggests that he marry another woman, later on divorce her and then marry the Peruvian dame. She says she has no objection to the plan so long as the temporary bride be not too good looking. Sir Reggie also consents. The couple are kept in an anteroom. In the inner office Kitty is transformed into Mrs. Katherine Silverton, a widow of uncertain age. Kitty's hair is twisted into a plait, her waist line suffers a severe dislocation, and she caps the operation by appropriating the lawyer's goggles.

Mrs. Silverton weds the baronet. A year afterward the bride and bridegroom meet at Lake Geneva in a villa. The baronet and the bona fide widow had come there for the purpose of arranging for his divorce from Kitty. Sir Reggie falls desperately in love with his wife. The Widow de Semiano has an attack of hysterics, and during the remainder of the play screamingly ludicrous episodes transpire.

Frederick Trezeller

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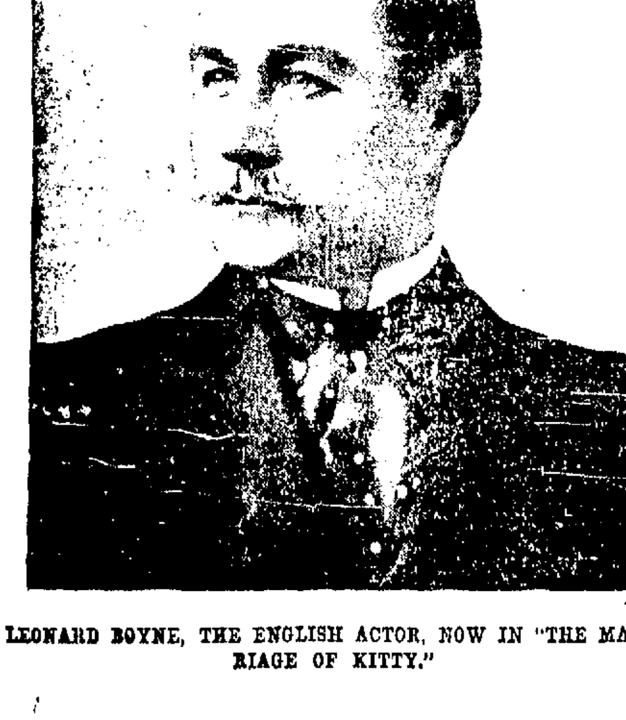


LEONARD BOYNE, THE ENGLISH ACTOR, NOW IN "THE MARRIAGE OF KITTY."

BASKET BALL HISTORY.

Hundreds of young men are now playing basket ball who probably have but a vague idea regarding its origin or realize that for so young a sport it has had a most unusual career. Started first as a game for members of the gymnasium classes of Young Men's Christian associations, it has now attracted the attention of all classes of athletes, as is seen from the scores of associations that now exist, including intercollegiate, interscholastic, Christian associations and even professional.

Basket ball had its birthday in Springfield, Mass., eleven years ago. Dr. James Naismith has been given the unquestioned honor of inventing it, for it was an invention pure and simple. Unlike baseball, football, hockey, golf and other sports, it was not evolved into its present standard through years of growth with gradual improvements, but leaped with one bound into its present position. The method of playing the game today and its rules differ only in the merest details from the first games played eleven years ago.

Dr. James Naismith brought out the game while he was an instructor in the Young Men's Christian association training school in Springfield. Dr. Luther Gulick, who is now in Brooklyn, was also an instructor in the school at the same time, and he had a share in bringing the game to perfection. He has always maintained an unflagging interest in the sport and is the chairman of the basket ball committee of the Amateur Athletic union.

The game was the result of a general demand at that time for something which should present new features in regular gymnasium work and fill other requirements for the necessary physical instruction in the training school. The new game, whatever it might be, was obliged to stand a severe test, for seven requirements were demanded of it—namely, a game that could be played on any kind of ground, a game that could be played by a large number of men at once, a game that should be so attractive that men would like to play it for its own sake, a game that should have little or none of the reputed roughness of Rugby or association football, a game easy to learn and a game scientific enough to be interesting to older players.

KEENE'S RACING PLANS.

James R. Keene has decided to race no more in England. He and his son Foxhall have arranged to break up their English stable, and their colors will be seen no more in the classic stakes in that country. News came from abroad that such a move was being made by the famous millionaire, but it was at first denied.

Mr. Keene was seen recently, and he confirmed the cabled reports. He said his stable had been mismanaged in England and that he would close his racing affairs there as soon as possible. Mr. Keene said:

"It is true that I will sell some of my horses that are in England and bring the rest back to America in the near future. I have not decided whether I will send more yearlings there next year.

"My trainer, Matthew Allen, has made a mess of it over there, but will do better here. He as well as other American trainers get lost in England in a multitude of perplexities that beset them on the English turf. He was unaccustomed to training methods suitable to the English climate, and for a time at least I will have no horses there."

Mr. Keene's name has been prominent in English racing since his advent there in 1879 or 1880, and his winning several big races and the Grand Prix in Paris with his horse Foxhall in 1881 are still well remembered. His training quarters at Primrose House and stables at Newmarket, which he leased from Lord Rosebery, are among the best appointed in existence.

ANDERSON A WRESTLER.

John Anderson, who cover first base for the St. Louis Browns last season and who will be in the line-up of the New York Americans next year, has branched out as a wrestler. He recently stayed thirty minutes with Lundin, the Swedish champion.

SUCCESSFUL SIRES.

Rosebetta Wilkes, Baron Wilkes and Brown Hal have each eleven 2:10 performers. The dead stallion Online has four new 2:10 performers to his credit this year.

SPORTING DOINGS

Champion Mike Egan and His Handball Book

The Ryan-O'Brien Fight. Kid McCoy. A Long Auto Tour

THE ancient and honorable game of handball has never been more popular than at present, and the day has come when a gymnasium is considered incomplete without one or two of the inclosed courts in which it is played. Until a few years ago handball was generally considered a means for developing the activity of pugilists in training. Soon, however, the merits of the exercise involved in the game attracted the attention of athletically inclined people of every sort, and the sport was widely adopted. Handball is a splendid all around developer, and as it can be enjoyed by schoolboys and aged men alike it is no wonder that its vogue has spread.

The game has been brought to its highest degree of development by professionals, and in many cities splendid courts have been erected, in which the public may view exhibitions and also compete if they desire.

Mike Egan.

The leading professional in this country is Mike Egan, holder of the world's championship title. Egan, after defeating the strongest players in the United States, journeyed to Ireland last summer and was victorious over the ablest exponents of the game in the Emerald Isle.

Egan has reduced handball to a science. He is a marvel of agility and endurance, and his muscular development is nothing short of wonderful. His back and shoulders show bunches of power giving tissue that would indicate that he possesses the strength of a Sandow. He drives the ball with the velocity of a bullet, and woe be unto the unwary opponent hit by the speeding spheroid.

Egan Has Written a Book.

In a well written book recently published for Egan, "The Official Handball Guide," the champion relates some interesting facts about his favorite pastime and also gives valuable instruction relative to the playing of the game. He says in part:

"The game of handball is undoubtedly of Celtic origin, and the proof of the assertion rests with the fact that wherever this nomadic race has set foot only there will be found traces of the pastime. The earliest authentic mention of handball, according to the annals of Ireland, occurs in the year 3370 A. M., or 1,879 years prior to the Christian era. This was in connection with the Taiiten games inaugurated by Erc, the last king of the Firbolgs, in honor of his daughter-in-law, Taiite. As to the particular style in which the game was played it is now impossible to accurately determine, but from the meager accounts of the early chroniclers, no walls were used, but the ball was tossed from hand to hand. * * *

"It is altogether uncertain at what period handball was introduced into England; but, like the Greeks, the early inhabitants of Albion copied it from the Celts. In the museum of Trinity college, Oxford, there is a fourteenth century manuscript containing a life of St. Cuthbert. It says of him that when he was young 'he pleyde atte handeballe with the children that his fellows were.' * * *

Handball In France.

"The French were introduced to the game rather early and called it palm play. It was played by the naked hand, but afterward with a glove, which in some instances was lined with soft material. Afterward the French bound cords and tendons around their hands to make the ball rebound more forcibly. In the reign of Charles V. the game was exceedingly fashionable in France, being played by the nobility for large sums of money. * * *

"Of course a regulation court and a regulation ball are necessary for a proper display of the game, but I would advise every one before tackling these propositions to learn how to strike the ball and the method of placing it. Any kind of a wall with a smooth surface will answer this purpose, and instead of a regular playing ball use a hollow rubber, lawn tennis or any other light ball. The regular ball is apt to hurt your hands because you do not know how to hit it properly, and when the hands are hurt you become disheartened and claim that the game is too severe. But there can be no such thing as injured hands if you proceed along the lines stated above.

Use Both Hands.

"In speaking of hands, I mean both the right and left. The right, of course, is oftener used, and it is only natural for a right handed person to play with that hand in preference to the left, but unless you can use one as well as the other, outside of serving, there is no use trying to become a successful player. There is no great difficulty in becoming as proficient with the left as with the right, especially for a beginner, and I would advise every one to practice with the left as often as possible and never attempt to complete a left handed play with the right. I am sorry to say that there are entirely too many of our prominent players who are essentially right handed. They get along very well so long as they can hit the ball with the right hand, but a heady player will soon find out their weakness, and certain defeat will be the result. * * *

"Now we come to serving the ball. Stand firmly on the feet, bound the ball straight so that you can have a good whack at it at the height of the waist, and, with the hand scoop shaped, with fingers tightly closed, swing with an underhand motion and put the weight of the body behind the blow. You must bring the ball out from the wall beyond the ace line, or it is a short ball, and if you do the same thing three times in succession in a game against an opponent you lose your hands. It's best to start in right away to try and hit the ball as far from the front wall as possible. You may not succeed very well at first, but if you keep at it you are bound to find out your faults, and when you become successful with a light ball you cannot fail to go wrong with a regular handball. * * *

"A good server is one thing, but a clever all round player is another. Many persons make service a specialty. This is not handball by any means. Of course effective tossing is very necessary, but unless you know the other points of the game you will never make a successful match player."

Ryan and "Philadelphia Jack."

Now that Tommy Ryan and "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien have been matched pugilistic sharps are looking forward to what should prove one of the most interesting fights of the times. These men are undoubtedly the leading middleweights of the world, leaving Bob Fitzsimmons out of consideration, and both are of the class of fighters who combine advanced cleverness with hard hitting.

O'Brien naturally rules favorite in the coming bout. He has won a large number of battles at home and in England, and he seems to be at the zenith of his career.

Ryan's record is well known. He defeated Jack Dempsey, Kid Lavigne, Billy Stift (twice), Paddy Gorman, Tommy West (twice), Kid Carter, Billy Smith, fought one draw with Kid McCoy, losing his first and third fights with the Hoosier, and knocked out a score of lesser lights. He is accounted one of the fastest and cleverest men in the ring when at his best, and it remains to be seen whether or not he has "gone back" to such an extent that O'Brien will find him an "easy mark." O'Brien's followers state unhesitatingly that, owing to his present poor condition, Ryan has no chance whatever against the Quakertown scrapper.

Kid McCoy In Training.

Kid McCoy is now busily attending to getting into shape again. He does two or three hours of light work in a well known New York gymnasium every day and says that he believes that he will gradually regain his old time form and speed.

McCoy says: "I am going to keep pegging away for six months, increasing the severity of my work as the time passes. I am fat and slow now, but the improvement I have shown in my first few weeks of light training encourages me greatly. Next spring I will be in good shape, I am sure, and then will challenge all comers in my class."

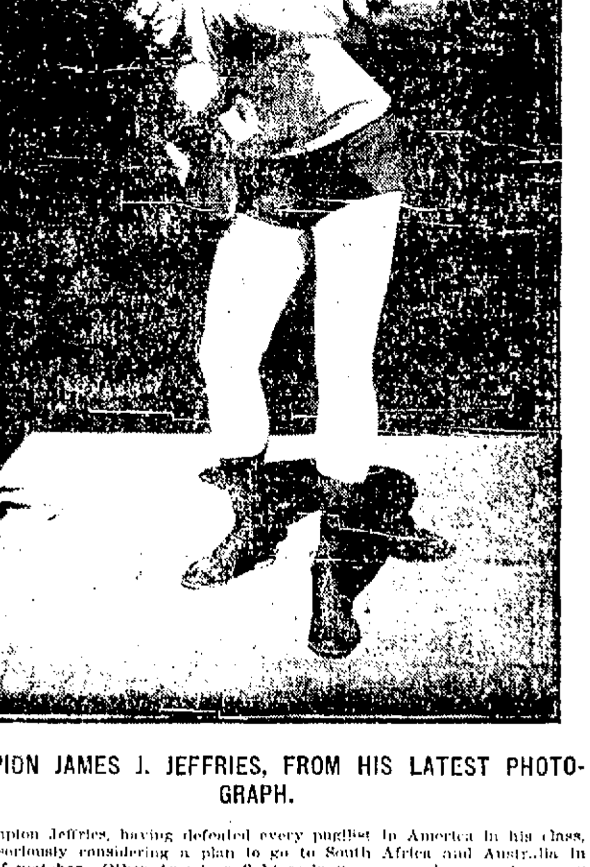
McCoy is taking what might be termed an advanced course in physical culture in the gymnasium in question. After boxing a few rounds with his former sparring partner, Billy Elmer, he takes on Tommy Shortell, the New York middleweight, and then dallies with a rowing machine, exercises with dumbbells and rides a few miles on a stationary cycling machine.

Smathers' Long Auto Tour.

E. E. Smathers, the millionaire owner of thoroughbreds, trotters and pacers, is the expansionist extraordinary of the sporting world. Not content with possessing some of the leading light harness horses, he started a thoroughbred stable by purchasing McChesney, the western champion, and other stars of the running turf. Later he picked up a few more trotters, including Major Delmar, Lou Dillon's rival, and now he purposes to indulge himself in an automobile tour of the world. Mr. Smathers will soon start on this trip, which will cause a transcontinental expedition to look like a three minute ride on a bobtail horse car.

With a party of three or four friends, Mr. Smathers will tour America, Europe, Asia and Africa. The expedition starts in the middle of January and will last four months. This tour will be the longest on record.

HARRY GRANT.



CHAMPION JAMES J. JEFFRIES, FROM HIS LATEST PHOTOGRAPH.

Champion Jeffries, having defeated every pugilist in America in his class, is now seriously considering a plan to go to South Africa and Australia in search of matches. Other American fighters in years gone have made money in fights in these countries, and Jeffries believes that he can do likewise.

HUNTING THE CARIBOU.

A grand old denizen of the forest is the caribou, the quest of hundreds of huntsmen who enjoy the shooting of one of the wariest members of the deer family. The caribou was once found in Pennsylvania and Connecticut, but now is almost extinct in this country, being found only in northern Maine and the Rocky mountains. In parts of Canada he is still to be had in comparatively large numbers, and the caribou hunting season is now at its height. Parties of Nimrods invade northern Maine and Canada every year, and he who returns with a pair of antlers from one of these animals "brought down" by his own rifle is accounted one of the luckiest of mortals.

A CARIBOU HUNTER READY FOR THE CHASE.

JOE JEFFERSON'S LATEST.

Joseph Jefferson tells a new story of dramatic "business" in the earlier days of the Walnut Street theater in Philadelphia. "Camille" was being played, and all was going with intensity. Then came a scene between Camille and Armand, in the course of which a servant was to enter with lights.

"In those days," says Mr. Jefferson, "sea island cotton was stage ice cream, just as molasses and water was stage wine, sherry or port, according to the proportion of molasses. Armand and Camille were seated at the table where they had been enjoying such viands as these, and their dialogue was making the very best sort of an impression on a crowded house. Then in came that maid servant with the wabbliest sort of a candelabrum. The scene was so engrossing that she was scarcely noticed, but when she set down her burden between the lovers and one candle toppled out and put the ice cream in a blaze—well, the strain was broken. The entire audience burst into a laugh, and the curtain had to be rung down."

PRICE OF SUGAR

Not Likely to be Much Less

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Sharps who figure out the capacities of nations tell us that the American stomach will call for 2,4000,000 tons of sugar in the coming year. This is an increase of 150,000 to 200,000 tons over the consumption of this year.

Cane sugar from Porto Rico, Louisiana, Hawaii and the beet sugar product of the United States will provide 900,000 tons produced within our customs territory. Of the estimated Cuban crop of 975,000 tons probably 900,000 tons will be shipped to the United States, because the differential of 20 per cent. of the duty provided for in the reciprocity treaty, will bring that crop to this market.

For the remaining 600,000 tons we must go elsewhere, either to the cane sugar product of Java or the beet sugar countries, Germany, France and Austria. Under the stimulus of bounty, Germany now produces three times the quantity of sugar that she consumes, France twice her home supply and Austria and Russia a large surplus. This excess production is marketed in England, Norway, Sweden, Spain and the colonies held by those countries which produce little sugar.

"While American labor costs twice as much as foreign labor, I don't see how we are going to compete with the beet sugar countries," said a sugar baron recently. "That is why, with a protective tariff of $33 a ton on sugar, we still go abroad for most of ours. I don't know who will get the benefit of the reduction in duty on the Cuban crop, but I fancy it will not make sugar any cheaper to the fellow who buys ten pounds at a time from the corner grocery. The Cuban plantation owner will probably get the difference, and it is understood that the American Sugar Refining company is the largest owner there.

"Up to about nine years ago producing beet sugar in Germany was the same as owning a gold mine. The government paid a bounty of one-fourth of a cent a pound. It established bonded warehouses right at the factories so that when a man had a hundred barrels of sugar ready for the market he just put it in the warehouse, got a certificate from the government and turned the certificate into the bank, borrowing money on it.

"By this system the man with a small capital was able to do a tremendous business on government credit. The sugar makers got rich so quickly that the government abolished the warehouse certificate, though continuing the bounty. Whenever a German ships a hundred pounds of sugar abroad he gets 25 cents bounty. To offset this, our tariff provided that sugar from bounty-paying countries should pay that bounty as well as the regular duty.

"Russia also pays a bounty, but it is figured in a complex way with the idea of escaping the penalty in the customs of the importing countries. That question was tried out at length before the board of general appraisers.

"Practically all the sugar we import comes in the state called by the trade '96 test,' about equal to the best brown sugar. With the duty of $1.67 paid, 96 test costs $3.75 a hundredweight. The testimony of the refiners is that it costs 62c a hundredweight to refine it, so that at the current price of standard granulated there is a mighty small margin of profit.

"Seven pounds out of every hundred is lost in refining, or rather changed than lost. The refiner gets out of that seven pounds four pounds of syrup and three pounds of a residue which has little value.

"I believe that outside of the United States sugar can be produced for two cents a pound, but with the wages that labor commands here we cannot make cheap sugar."

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TOUGH PARODY

Undid Lover of Childhood's Poem

It very rarely happens that Deputy Welch allows a story to go by the board without "tipping" the reporters, providing, of course, that the story does not conflict with the workings of the department, but somehow or other the genial deputy forgot the reporters Thursday afternoon and it was by mere accident that The Sun's police reporter got "next" to the following happening at the bastile on the afternoon before Christmas.

About 4.30 o'clock a young man of devious and uncertain gait walked into the station house and reeled off the following story to the deputy:

"My brother is responsible for this. After the way he treated me this morning I just had to get drunk. I'm fond of poetry and he isn't. My favorite poem begins, 'Twas the night before Christmas.' I tell you, Mr. Officer, that's the finest poetry ever written. My brother knows how I love that poem, and you can bet he never misses a chance to jolly me about it.

"This morning he draped himself over the foot of my bed and began a recitation. I wouldn't have cared about that, but he had the nerve to hand me a parody of the most sacred poem of my childhood. What do you think of this?

" 'Twas the night before Christmas,
When all through the flat
Not a creature was stirring—not even the cat.
Dear father was hung in the chimney with care,
And a man with a bigger jag never was there."

"When he got as far as that, I threw him out. A man who would make fun of the sacred poem of your childhood is a vandal. That's what he is; and, anyhow, father don't drink."

The fellow undone by a parody was shown to a cell and after he had slept off the effects of his brother's unkindness was allowed to go his way.

"I wish you a merry Christmas," said the keeper.

"O, that'll be all right," said the lover of poetry.

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ROAD NEVER BEFORE KILLED PASSENGER

Officials Found No Evidence of Carelessness

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 28.—Last night the death list resulting from the head-on collision between two Pere Marquette passenger trains near East Paris early Saturday evening, stood at 22, with 29 persons injured, several of them probably fatally.

Eighteen bodies have been identified. The bodies of four men are at the morgue here awaiting identification.

The identified dead are:

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Baldwin, Mulliken, Mich.

Louis Baldwin, their son, Mulliken, Mich.

Lester Williams, Lansing, Mich.

Mrs. Daisy Giles, Lowell, Mich.

Burt Myers, Grandville or Lake Odessa, Mich.

Walter Jordan, Grand Rapids.

Joseph Hull, colored, Windsor, Ont.

Austin Wagar, Detroit, baggageman.

Charles A. Stoddard, Detroit, engineer.

Charles A. Devine, Grand Rapids.

William Helmrich, Detroit, baggageman.

C. M. Gillett, Burr Oak or Portland, Mich.

Allen H. Wells, Big Rapids, Mich.

Frank Burns, Detroit, fireman.

Peter W. Wierenge, Grand Rapids.

George Palmer, Detroit, American express agent.

William Smith, Saranac, Mich.

Among the injured are engineer Frank Waterman of Detroit, conductor George Niel of Grand Rapids, Harry Marcus, president of the E. H. Marcus company, of New York; mail clerk C. N. Botsford of Farmington, Mich., and Rev. James Humphrey, pastor of the church of Christ, at Lansing, Mich.

WORST IN ROAD'S HISTORY.

It was the most disastrous wreck in the history of the Pere Marquette system, and instead of being caused by man's carelessness or mistake, is charged to the high wind which extinguished the red signal light in the order board at McCord's station, where the west-bound train was expected to stop and to receive new orders. Two minutes before the train rushed by McCord's the light was burning says the operator there, but in that brief interval the blizzard that was raging extinguished it and train No. 5 ran by the station to crash into east-bound train No. 6 at East Paris.

The trains, which were two of the finest on the system, were reduced to a promiscuous pile of broken and twisted timber and metal, with dead and injured pinned down and crushed by the fragments of the heavy cars.

Five cars and two large locomotives were jammed into a space ordinarily occupied by three coaches and the wreckage was strewn across the railroad right of way fom fence to fence.

When train No. 5 bound west whizzed by McCord's instead of stopping the frightened operator notified the dispatcher, and then found that his red light had been extinguished. He reported the fact and that a collision was inevitable.

The dispatcher's office called for medical aid, and gave orders to hold the train over the Saginaw branch at the station and get the wrecking outfit under steam. They then waited for the word they knew must come.

COLLISION INEVITABLE.

There was no chance of the fast running trains to see each other through the driving blizzard in time to even slow down and in a few minutes word came from the conductor of No. 5 that they had crashed together and there was an awful loss of life.

The two trains were in collision about the middle of a long, sweeping curve, three-quarters of a mile west of East Paris. On the inner side of the curve is a high embankment, preventing a view of the track ahead. When the engines met, one turned completely over and lay headed in a direction opposite to that in which it had been traveling. The other climbed the wreckage of the first, its boiler torn from the trucks, standing erect in the centre of the debris.

The boiler of engine No. 307 turned over several times, and the very force of the twisting impact seems to have been the means of saving the life of Engineer Waterman. He was flung 40 feet over the fence at the edge of the right of way. E. B. Moon, his fireman, was sitting on the opposite side of the cab, and he, too, was thrown clear of the pile of wreckage.

As the trains came together the steamer domes of each boiler blew off, releasing their contents, else there would have been added horrors from the blistering steam. The smoker on No. 6 was swept clean as the mail car telescoped its entire length, and in turn it crashed several feet into the parlor car. It was at the rear end of the smoker and forward end of the cafe car where the passengers were killed or injured. From a space six feet square the bodies of two women, a boy and a man were taken out.

The west-bound flyer, with its heavy bulkheaded cars, stayed on the rails, back of the baggage and mail cars, and the passengers in this train escaped serious injury. As one man they rushed from the train to assist the less fortunate ones on the train from this city. Many stripped warm overcoats from their backs and covered the suffering injured as they were borne to the less shattered cars of No. 5 into the remains of the parlor car of No. 6. Nearby farmers, hearing the crash, turned out with blankets and did valient service.

HAD NEVER KILLED A PASSENGER.

According to statements made by officials of the Pere Marquette, the west-bound train was traveling down grade at the rate of 60 miles an hour. The east-bound train was climbing the hill at a speed of 40 miles an hour. The former carried probably 75 passengers, while the latter is believed to have been carrying at least 125 persons.

General Supt. Smith interviewed operator Booth at McCord's Saturday night, and said yesterday:

"I have no reason to doubt the statement of Booth that his light was burning two minutes before No. 5 passed McCord's and that the wind extinguished it. He is an old operator and has been in the employ of the road several years.

"This is the first wreck in which the Pere Marquette ever killed a passenger on its own train. The road has killed passengers on other trains, persons at crossings and employes, but never before has it killed outright or fatally injured a passenger of its own."

Coroner Hillier impanelled a jury yesterday and the remains of the dead were viewed. The jury adjourned till after Jan. 1.

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TO AUSTRALIA

Dowie Bids Good By to Adherents

CHICAGO, Dec. 28—Preparatory to leaving for Australia John Alexander Dowie bade farewell to his Chicago adherents at a meeting in the auditorium yesterday. After an all-night "watch meeting" in Zion City New Year's eve Dowie will leave for New Orleans and will travel to San Francisco, via the Southwestern route, stopping at various large cities enroute. He intends to sail from San Francisco Jan. 11 and counts on being back in Chicago next June.

"I am going to leave everything in Zion City and not steal away with either the lace works or the temple," said Dowie. "That was a malicious lie about my wife taking away $7,500,000, but I'm foolish to deny it again. I will only take with me enough cash for spending money."

Several times in the course of his remarks Dowie spoke in a friendly manner of President Roosevelt, and in his prayer asked that Mr. Roosevelt's enemies be circumvented and forestalled in carrying out their mischievous plans.

PURSE OF GOLD

MR. JOHN P. BREEN REMEMBERED BY WEAVERS.

Mr. John P. Breen, the popular section hand in the ingrain weave room of the Bigelow Carpet company, received a Christmas gift in the form of a substantial purse of gold from his weavers last Thursday evening. That Mr. Breen is held in high esteem by his weavers is demonstrated by the fact that for several years past he has received similar gifts. Mr. Breen thanked his weavers in a neat little speech.

SUES THE UNION

PLUMBER WAS ATTACKED AND BEATEN.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 28.—E. M. Black, a plumber who was attacked and badly beaten by union strikers for continuing at work after a strike had been declared, has sued the building trades council as an organization and individual members of the council for damages for assault. The purpose is to establish a precedent by holding labor organizations and individual members responsible for damages inflicted in furtherance of a strike.

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Holly, Mistletoe and the Christmas Tree Bequeathed to Us by Pagan Nations of the Distant Past

MANY there be who affirm that Christmas is not Christmas if the holly and the mistletoe be missing. From time immemorial both have been closely associated with the Yuletide celebration, and truly the deep green leaves and scarlet berries of the holly, combined with the sedate but more significant mistletoe, add zest to the enjoyment of the day. The Christmas plum pudding itself appears bereft of its best friend if it repose on the festal board minus a decorative garland of holly. Centuries of use and centuries of tradition have given the holly and the mistletoe the prominence which, in the eyes of those who know what an old fashioned Christmas means, they richly deserve.

Authorities are agreed that the use of both as a Christmas decoration is of great antiquity. In the case of the holly it is affirmed that it is probably the continuation of a custom which prevailed among the Romans of pre-Christian years, the old Latins holding the holly in such high esteem that it was woven into wreaths at weddings as a symbol of good will toward the newly married pair. The ancient Teutons also made a significant use of the holly, and the chances are that it was from them that the Christian idea of decorating the house with holly at Christmastide originated. They hung up in their dwelling places branches of evergreens, among which the holly predominated, as places of shelter for the fairies during the cold winter months. The superstition in certain districts that it is unlucky to bring holly into the house before Christmas eve is possibly a survival of this pretty pagan fancy.

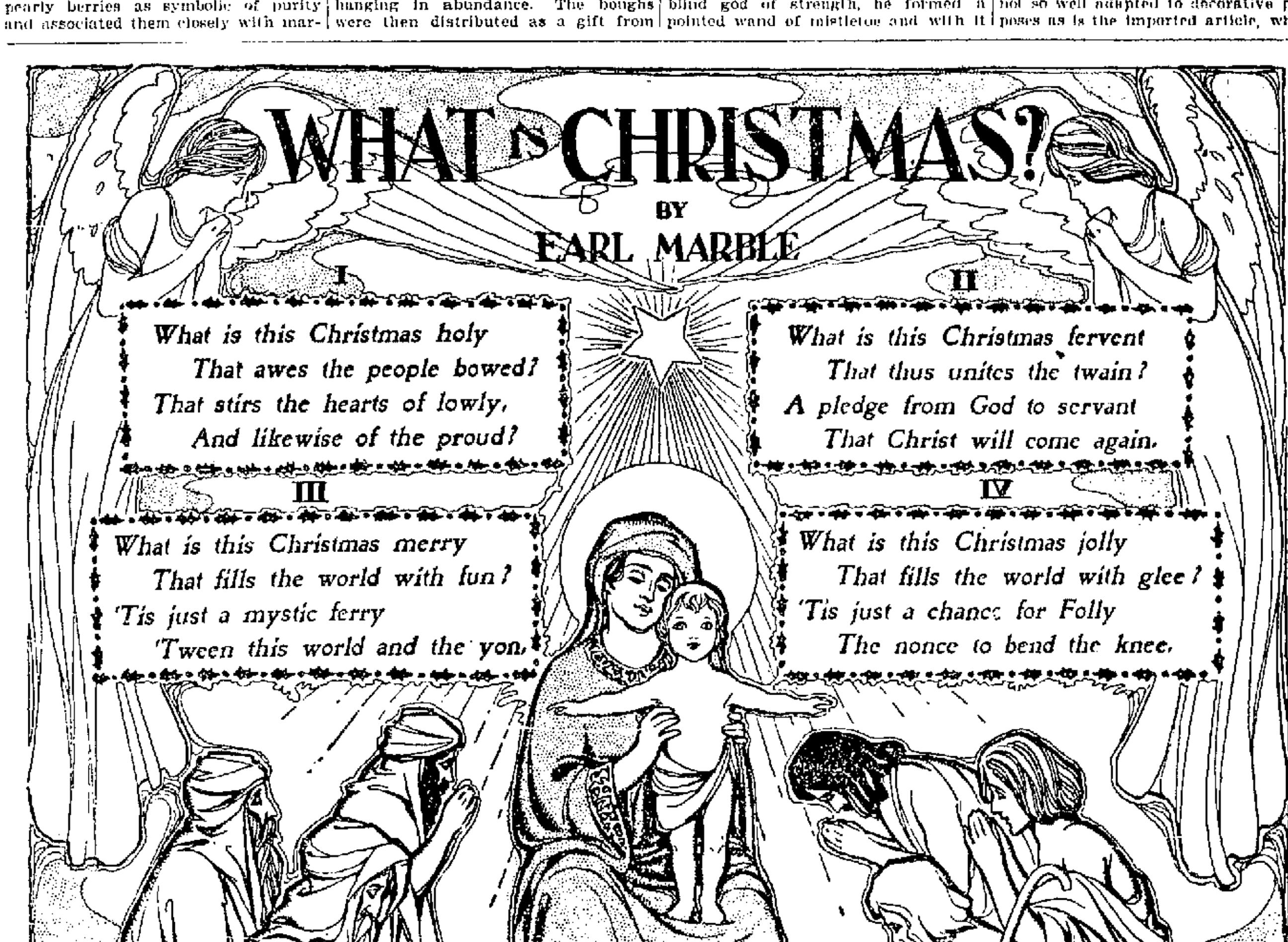
All manner of superstitions, in truth, cluster about both holly and mistletoe. For instance, in the counties of Worcestershire and Hertfordshire, in England, sprigs of the holly which have been used in the decoration of the parish church are carried home by the head of each household and carefully preserved in the belief that they will bring good luck during the ensuing year. Another superstition is connected with an interesting peculiarity of the European holly, the fact that whenever the shrub attains the dignity of a tree the lower leaves alone exhibit sharp points, the upper leaves being "smooth and unarmed," as the poet Southey has put it. The simple people of the countryside call the smooth variety "she holly" and the spiny form "he holly" and aver that great care must be taken to see that the latter predominates in the Christmas decorations, else the head of the household will assuredly be its mistress, not its master.

The use of the mistletoe is commonly accredited to a Druidical custom, but antiquarians believe that, so far as the practice of "kissing under the mistletoe" is concerned, we must look further back, so far back, indeed, as the days of the ancient Babylonians, when a man who was lucky enough to catch a maiden under the mystic bough was entitled not only to kiss her, but to make her his wife. In this connection it may be said that there are very few who hang the mistletoe nowadays in the manner prescribed by ancient usage. Two hoops twined with evergreens should be suspended, interlaced, from the center of the ceiling or chandelier, while the mistletoe amid a cluster of small rosy apples hangs in the middle of the hoops. And it ought not to be forgotten, according to an old supersition, that bad luck will surely follow if the mistletoe fall from the place where it has been hung.

The primeval Britons looked upon the pearly berries as symbolic of purity and associated them closely with marriage rites. They also supposed them to be endowed with great medicinal virtue, in addition to having a sacred significance by reason of growing upon oaks, the tree which the Britons venerated. The gathering of the mistletoe at Yuletide was accompanied by much pomp and ceremony, the Britons, led by their priests, the Druids, marching in procession through the forests and offering up sacrifices of bulls and at times human beings when they arrived at the spot where the mistletoe was hanging in abundance. The boughs were then distributed as a gift from heaven to cure all ills and to insure the prosperity of the fortunate recipients.

The old time Teutons also revered the mistletoe, holding it as sacred to Balder, the sun god, son of the Scandinavian Venus, Freya. About it they wove a very interesting legend. Balder, it appears, predicted that he would soon be slain, and his mother, in alarm, made animals, plants and minerals swear not to injure him. Unluckily, she overlooked the mistletoe, and when this fact was discovered by Hoeder, the blind god of strength, he formed a pointed wand of mistletoe and with it pierced Balder to the heart, causing his instant death. Hoeder did not escape just punishment, for he was imprisoned in a cave with a serpent, perishing miserably. When he died, so runs the legend, the whole earth was shaken as by an earthquake.

Of the two the holly is used much more extensively as a Christmas decoration, if only for the reason that it is easier to obtain, especially in America. While mistletoe grows in this country, the berries are small, and the plant is not so well adapted to decorative purposes as is the imported article, which comes from England, Norway and France. It is expensive, crates two feet square bringing from $6 to $25 apiece, according to the quality and size of the berries. Holly, on the other hand, grows abundantly in several sections of the country, the greater part of that employed for Christmas decorations being found in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Alabama. It is sold at retail by the branch and in wreaths, the wholesale price being $2 to $5 a crate, the quality of the berries and the freshness of the leaves being the determining factor in the price.



The Christmas tree itself, it might be added, has a romantic history. Its usage as part of the Christmas festival comes to us direct from Germany, but a similar festival with a tree as a component part is observed in many heathen countries and by some is said to date back to the days of the sun worshipers. The Chinese used to decorate a tree with lamps and place it in the royal audience chamber so far back as the third century before the Christian era, but the custom is now obsolete. A somewhat similar practice, however, may still be observed in Japan.

The custom of using candles on the Christmas tree is not associated with the Scandinavians and Norsemen, as is by some supposed, for the hardy men of the north did not possess such luxuries, contenting themselves with pine knot torches and the glow of their log fires. The candle custom may safely be ascribed to the Roman feast called the saturnalia, a feast in honor of the god Saturn, lasting sometimes for a fortnight and beginning about the 19th of December. During this celebration candles were employed not only for decorative and illuminating purposes, but as gifts from friend to friend, tokens of brightness, cheerfulness and good will.

It is said that not less than 4,000,000 Christmas trees are used in the United States alone. Like so much else, they bring prices varying with size and quality, and while little fellows can be bought for half a dollar, the giants ranging from fifteen to eighteen feet high command as much as $50 apiece. These prices, of course, are city market prices, since in the country the Christmas tree can usually be obtained by going out into the woods and cutting it down.

It is interesting to note that the pagan origin of so many of our Christmas customs rendered them distasteful to many sects and denominations of Christians, and to this day there are not wanting those who object to the jollity that characterizes the celebration of the nativity. The followers of Calvin and the Puritans were especially strenuous in their opposition to the introduction of pagan ideas and would not tolerate the use of trees, evergreens and the Yule log. The pilgrim fathers themselves declined to recognize Christmas as a day to be set apart for rejoicing and on the Christmas of the year that they landed in America worked resolutely all day long at their accustomed tasks, glorying in their nonobservance of the superstitious customs that had been adopted by their fellow Christians.

It must not be forgotten that the early church fathers and missionaries themselves tried at first to induce the heathen among whom they labored to abandon their customs and festivals, but their efforts were vain, and, finding that the pagans would reject Christianity in toto rather than relinquish all that they held dear, the missionaries rightly deemed it wiser to permit the continuance of harmless observances which would not impede the progress of the work of spreading the gospel. Thus the customs themselves were enabled to survive, while the religions with which they were associated gradually died out.

So far as the actual celebration of Christmas itself is concerned, it appears to be a fact that it was not until about 400 years after the death of Christ that any one day was universally set apart by the Christian world to honor as his birthday. Indeed, a century passed after his death before there was any general attempt at a celebration. Then there was great diversity of opinion as to the day which should be observed. Some chose the 1st and others the 6th of January; others, again, thought that the proper day was in March, about the time of the Jewish Passover; still others observed the feast in September, on the same day as the Jewish feast of tabernacles. The 19th of April and the 29th of May were also observed in different communities as the birthday of the Saviour. With the beginning of the fifth century, however, it was generally accepted that the feast ought to fall on the 25th of December, and its formal establishment as the right day for celebrating the nativity followed.

CHANNING A. BARTOW.

A PECULIAR COMMODITY.

The exceedingly high prices often asked and paid for butterflies are rendered possible by the extreme uncertainty of the market. There is no means of knowing how long a butterfly will remain a rarity. It may continue unique for a quarter of a century or it may become common in the course of a few months. A case in point is that of a beautiful blue butterfly from Brazil. When the first specimens of this butterfly were sent to England years ago they sold readily for $50 or more apiece. Since then, however, collectors have sent it there in numbers, and the price has fallen to $1. Butterflies are by no means the only insects for which a market exists. Of late years private collectors have developed an interest in all kinds of quaint and curious creatures, such as scorpions, beetles and spiders. Perhaps the grandest insect known is the huge west African Goliath beetle. Sixty-eight years ago a writer described this remarkable insect from a single example preserved in the Hunterian museum at Glasgow. Today the insect is exported from the Kameruns literally by the hundred specimens packed in sawdust like grapes or oranges. The great size of these specimens—large ones measure as much as four and one-half inches from head to tail—has made them popular as curiosities.

LAZY ANGLERS.

Tambelan is one of a group of islands near the island of Rhio, which, like it, is under Dutch rule, and, being but a short distance from Singapore, the capital of the Straits Settlements, is frequently visited by holiday seekers and orchid hunters. The Malays are an indolent race. Here is a single instance: A man has made a few cents by bringing in a small quantity of orchids, and, intending to indulge himself with a good midday meal, we see him in the act of providing his own dinner. He places a stone beneath the shady umbrella of a pakis, or fern, tree, and, having tied two, or sometimes three, lines to his left toe, he falls serenely to sleep and perhaps before he expects it is disturbed by the tug of a fish. You may sometimes see two or three such anglers, but so indifferent are they, however, to the sport that from force of habit they have been known to snore away in placid oblivionsness, while the fish they have hooked or, rather, which have hooked themselves, have been seen dashing and splashing in the water before the natives have taken the slightest trouble to rouse themselves.

SARASATE YET IN HARNESS.

Sarasate, the celebrated violinist, will be sixty next year; but, though the raven curls of twenty years ago are now as white as snow, he has lost nothing of his marvelous skill. When taking his first prize at the Paris conservatoire many years ago he also received a piece of advice, "Sarasate, my son, wed thy violin, but never a woman," and, though some speak of a grave in a little cemetery near his native Pamplona, where his love lies buried, others declare that the master has simply followed out the rule given him thus early in life. At any rate he is still an eligible bachelor who has made $50,000 a year for many years past.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6.48	8.50	8.00	7.04
6.52	7.46	6.30	7.26
a6.39	7.30	7.53	8.55
a6.42	7.53	8.25	9.01
a7.01	8.02	e9.00	9.37
a8.24	8.10	e10.00	10.37
a7.51	8.50	a10.17	11.34
7.45	8.35	e11.30	12.07
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.56
9.40	10.40	e1.00	1.37
11.00	12.02	2.00	3.01
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a12.14	1.03	a3.47	5.03
1.40	2.35	4.14	5.30
a1.50	2.33	e5.00	5.37
a3.03	4.20	5.38	6.26
a3.47	4.30	a5.47	6.54
4.25	5.30	6.14	7.30
a5.22	6.15	e7.30	8.08
a5.44	7.00	e8.30	9.08
a6.22	7.05	10.30	11.34
a7.29	8.10	11.20	12.22

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
a5.39	7.30	9.00	10.00
a7.24	8.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.40	5.00	5.58
a8.20	10.15	e7.30	8.08
a4.25	5.30	e8.30	9.08
a5.38	7.00	9.00	10.02

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6.30	8.00	7.30	8.34
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.32
9.25	10.39	10.45	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.08
12.03	1.32	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.57	3.36	4.55
2.30	3.35	4.50	5.50
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SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
8.15	9.27	6.00	9.17
12.03	1.24	12.00	1.02
4.05	5.18	5.00	6.27
5.30	6.55		
8.00	9.05		

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REV. FR. BLAIS RECOVERED.

Rev. Fr. Blais, O. M. I., the colonizing missionary from Manitoba, who had been ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. Gelinas, of Moody street, for some time, has sufficiently recovered to resume his work in the interest of colonization, and has left for Lewiston, Me., where he is lecturing in the interest of his cause.

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A $36,000 LOAN

Recommended by Appropriations Committee

TO FINISH OUT THE YEAR

Street Department Turns Back $6000

Alderman Derby called a meeting of the appropriations committee to hear from a few of the heads of departments who are in need of more money with which to finish out the year.

The committee voted to recommend a loan of $36,000 approximately to carry the departments through the year. It will require nearly $10,000 more to meet the deficiencies, but several thousand dollars will be turned back into the general treasury fund from unexpended appropriations, the largest amount being $6493 from the street department.

When one of the spectators at the meeting heard Mr. Beals remark that he could turn back more than $6000 he remarked: "Humph! Pat Brady once turned back money and then got one vote on inauguration day for doing it."

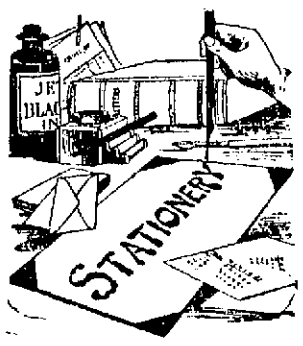
Alderman Derby seemed much worried lest Mr. Beals turn back more than he could afford, but the superintendent assured the committee that he had plenty of money.

Sec. Courtney of the pauper department asked for $8000 more. He said that while no-license had been of benefit to his department, the explosion and the strike combined to increase the cost of the department several thousand dollars.

Supt. Conlon of the buildings department asked for $2000 in order to pay up this year's bills. His predecessor left bills behind him from last year which Mr. Conlon had to pay out of this year's appropriation, hence the deficit.

When all had been heard the committee voted to recommend a loan of $36,000.

The great game of Pit, at The Thompson Hardware Co.



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LOWELL LEADS

Still First in Basket Ball Race

HAVERHILL HAS REACHED SECOND PLACE

Springfield First in the Western League

Lowell still leads in the New England professional basketball league, but Haverhill has passed Concord in the race for second place and now leads that team by 24 points.

Concord started down the ladder when it met Manchester at Concord Wednesday night. For the first time in its history, the home team was defeated on its own floor, and the Queen City players might well feel proud that they were the first to turn the trick. The game was extremely rough, and at times resembled a football match, but Manchester was bound to win, which it did, 21 to 16. Devlin was largely responsible for his team's fine showing, throwing six goals from the floor.

Haverhill started to climb on Christmas, when it took a double-header from the Concord aggregation. The afternoon game was won by the score of 24 to 14 and the evening game 26 to 16.

The reverses met earlier in the week evidently stirred up the Concord players, for when Lowell played there Saturday night the home players treated them unmercifully, defeating them 51 to 12. Kane and Tighe played in fine form, securing nine and eight goals respectively.

The leaders played in good form, winning three of five games. Tuesday Manchester was defeated at Lowell, 32 to 15, and the following night at Haverhill the home team was defeated, 11 to 10. A double-header was played with Manchester on Christmas. In the afternoon at Lowell the home team had to play its limit to win, the score being 20 to 16.

C. H. Bossett, a member of the champion Camden, N. J., team, played center for the visitors. He was pitted against Cairns, and the home player had the best of the argument. In the evening, however, at Manchester, when the home team trimmed the leaders, 35 to 20, the new man showed to much better advantage, scoring four goals to his opponent's one. Healey was largely responsible for Manchester's victory, as he played a whirlwind game, securing seven goals from the floor.

Manchester broke even in the six games played, while Haverhill took two out of four.

With the exception of Lowell, the teams are close together, and a very few games would shake up the standing. Haverhill will have a hard week.

Lowell and Manchester will meet twice this week, and, judging from the game the latter is playing, the leaders will have to play their hardest to get an even break.

Manchester has cut down Concord's lead in points scored, but is still well in the rear. In the number of points scored the standing is as follows: Concord 558, Manchester 481, Lowell 405, Haverhill 371.

Nine men are now over the 30 mark in goals from the floor, Kane of Concord having a big lead over the rest. He has 81. Tighe and Herron, his teammates, have 48 and 37 respectively; Allard of Lowell 48, Healey of Manchester 43, Devlin of Manchester 42, Field of Lowell 36 and Doyle of Haverhill 33. The standing:

	Won	Lost	Pc won
Lowell	13	5	.650
Haverhill	11	11	.500
Concord	10	11	.476
Manchester	10	15	.400

SPRINGFIELD LEADS.

Springfield regained the lead in the Western Massachusetts basketball league last week, defeating Chicopee twice, Ware and Westfield were also beaten, while the latter team and Chicopee lowered the leader's colors.

Chicopee, after her brilliant playing of a week ago, seemed to get over-confident and lost five of the seven games played.

Ware, by winning three games and losing three, exchanged places with Westfield. Ware had victories over Chicopee, Westfield and Holyoke to her credit, while Northampton, Springfield and Holyoke were successful in lowering her colors.

Westfield seems to have gone stale, and only won two of the six games played, although one of these was from Springfield.

Holyoke and Northampton played the best ball of any of the teams last week. Holyoke won four of the six games played, while the Meadow city quintet split even with three games won and lost. Holyoke numbers among her victories two over Northampton and one from Ware and Westfield, while the latter and Northampton were the only teams to defeat Holyoke.

Northampton won from Ware, Chicopee and Westfield, while her defeats were received at the hands of Chicopee and twice from Holyoke.

In the number of points scored Springfield still leads with 261; Northampton has 237, Ware 222½, Chicopee 208½, Westfield 188½, Holyoke 182½.

THE STANDING.

	Won	Lost	P. C.
Springfield	12	5	.706
Chicopee	11	7	.611
Ware	9	9	.500
Westfield	9	10	.474
Holyoke	7	10	.412
Northampton	6	12	.333

LOWELL DEFEATED.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 28.—The leaders in the basket ball league were defeated Saturday evening in a one-sided game, 51 to 12. Concord put up the best game of passing, dodging, blocking and floor work ever seen in the home cage and was accurate in basket throwing. The Lowells were played to a standstill and were outplayed throughout the periods. Kane has regained his eagle eye and secured nine baskets, and Parson Tighe followed with eight baskets to his credit. Herron played a good game and McMahon, a new man for Concord, distinguished himself in aggressive work. Captain Stewart was in the game every minute. Summary:

CONCORD		LOWELL
Stewart rf		lb O'Neill
McMahon lf		rb McKinnon
Kane c		c Cairns
Herron rb		lf Abbott
Tighe lb		rf Allard

Score—Concord 51, Lowell 12. Goals from floor—Kane 9, Tighe 8, Herron 3, Stewart 2, McMahon 2, Allard 3, Abbott, Cairns. Goals from fouls—Concord 3, Lowell 2. Referee—Hill. Scorer—Leighton. Timers—Beckett and Gray. Time—Three 15-minute periods. Attendance—200.

CAPTAINS PUT OUT.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 28.—The Haverhill basketball team defeated Manchester at city hall Saturday evening, 27 to 16, the work of Kelliher and Doyle of the locals being the prominent feature. Capt. Harrington and Capt. Qualey were put out of the game by the umpire on account of a little trouble and the last period was played with four men teams. Line-up and summary:

HAVERHILL	MANCHESTER
Harrington rf	lb Qualey
Lew lf	rb Healey
Doyle c	c Devlin
Kelliher rb	lf Donnelley
G. Lynch lb	rf Lynch

Score—Haverhill 27, Manchester 16. Goals—Kelliher 4, Doyle 3, G. Lynch, Harrington, Lew Donnelly 3, Healey 3, *Lynch. Fouls—By G. Lynch 7, Harrington 3, Lew 3, Kelliher, Lynch 9, Qualey 3, Devlin 2, Healey, Donnelley. Points from fouls—Haverhill 5, Manchester 4. Referee—Connors. Timers—Smith and Driscoll. Time—Three 15-minute periods. Attendance—600.

*Scored for Haverhill on account of Lynch's mistake.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

Haverhill is in second place and is pressing Lowell hard. The Haverhill bunch will be in Lowell tomorrow night with all kinds of money to bet on their team.

The Chicopee-Ware game on Christmas ended with Ware playing five men to Chicopee's three.

Ed Wachter of the Ware team refereed the Ware high school-Alumni game Saturday afternoon.

In the Chicopee-Springfield game Saturday night every member of the first-named quintet succeeded in scoring.

Lynch of Manchester, who has been out of the game for some time, was again in the lineup Saturday night at Haverhill.

The New England league and Western league are having some trouble over Horan. He has signed with Haverhill of the former league, but will not live up to his contract.

It has been a question in the New England league which team would be the first to defeat Concord on its home floor. Now that the offenders have broken the ice it is up to the others to follow.

"Long Tom" Riley of Ware and "Moxie" Keegan of Worcester played with the Sacred Hearts of Spencer against the St. Jeromes of Holyoke last week and each gave a good account of himself.

Young Morris of New York, who has played several games with Ware this season, played with the Sacred Hearts of Spencer last Saturday night in a game with Leominster. He threw 12 baskets, while his opponent was able to reach the net just once.

The following is a list of the highest scoring men on each of the teams in the Western Massachusetts league: Fogarty of Northampton 68, Mathews of Springfield 62, Zanger of Westfield 52, Wachter of Ware 35, Evers of Chicopee 23, Mathieu of Holyoke 23.

DEAD IN BED

MRS. LENA STEARNS FOUND BY BOY SHE ENTERTAINED.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Lena Stearns, 29 years old, wife of Frank H. Stearns, was found dead at her home on the Banfield road Saturday afternoon.

The night before two young lads living in the neighborhood were at the house and played games, leaving Mrs. Stearns apparently as well as ever. Saturday afternoon one of the boys called at the house and not seeing anyone about he investigated and found Mrs. Stearns lying in her bed dead. Medical Examiner Lance pronounced her death due to heart trouble.

WEAK HEART

Life Prolonged Many Years When Heart is Faithful

HEARTS OUT OF TUNE

The Principal Cause of So Many Sudden Deaths and Suicides.

Mr. F. S. Haskell, residing at 212 Tenth street, Lowell, Mass., says: "For years I have had trouble with my heart and have suffered considerable with rheumatism. If I performed any kind of heavy work such as mowing, lifting extra heavy loads or any kind of manual labor requiring much exertion, my heart used to fail me. I would always feel the bad effects of weak heart after running, walking hurriedly, etc. I never was so entirely free from my rheumatic troubles as I am today, and my heart and nerves are in fine condition. I consider Dr. Bartlett's Vital Force the finest medicine in the world to build anyone up. It built me up as no other medicine could do, and I have spent many dollars experimenting with all kinds of remedies. I feel as though I could not say enough for this wonderful medicine, and shall always recommend it." (Signed) "F. S. Haskell, 212 Tenth street, Lowell, Mass., Dec. 24th, 1903."

As the heart does all the pumping, it is important that this vital organ be strong and faithful in its mission. Dr. Bartlett's Vital Force will restore it when overwork or strain has weakened it. The heart being the axis upon which the universal round of life depends, common sense teaches every reader of this article that sluggish circulation of the blood means a heart out of tune, or in other words, a weak heart. Dr. Bartlett's Vital Force establishes a healthy action of the heart, and those suffering from weak heart action especially in cold weather, will find this marvelous medicine a great boon. It strengthens, tones and invigorates, and to be well and keep well, you must be right blood, heart and nerves. Bear in mind that Dr. Bartlett's Vital Force is the original trade name of this wonderful medicine since its establishment in 1871 when Dr. Bartlett graduated from Bowdoin Medical college, and he has prescribed it in his large practice ever since. It is the only preparation free from opium, morphine and alcohol, and is recommended by all druggists everywhere. It will give you mental force and bring every vital organ into perfect harmony. With all your vital organs working in perfect harmony, your life is prolonged, you cannot know disease and you are always in tune.

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Your druggist is honest. If you ask for Dr. Bartlett's Vital Force he will give it to you.

MURPHY'S CHOICE

McClellan May Run for President

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—Democratic politicians do not look with favor upon the idea that Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany hall, will be able to make Senator Patrick McCarren chairman of the next democratic national committee. Southern democrats who are spending the holidays here say Senator McCarren is practically unknown except in New York, and that his sporting proclivities are also against his selection. They hold that no man conducting a campaign should be in any wise subject to personal attack.

Some of the democrats are inclined to see in the statement that Leader Murphy wants McCarren made national chairman, the formation of a plan to urge the nomination of Mayor-elect McClellan for the presidency.

Practically all agree that if a New York man is nominated for the first place Mr. Murphy may be able to force the selection of Senator McCarren as chairman of the national committee. They will oppose him for such place, unless he is the choice of the nominee for president. Senator Gorman's friends say if he is nominated for the presidency Senator McCarren will certainly not be chairman of the national committee.

Nothing can be done looking to the reorganization of the national committee until the next national convention. It is a foregone conclusion that ex-Senator James K. Jones of Arkansas will not be the chairman of the committee. Senator Stone of Missouri has a strong desire to be at the head of the next national committee, but recognizes that the Bryan influence will no longer dominate the committee and that his chances are slight. In the event of a New Yorker being nominated for president by the next national convention, many of the members of the committee will recommend that Senator Gorman be put in charge of the campaign.

ALICE WEPT

BECAUSE POLICE CHEATED HER OUT OF A DRINK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Weeping as if her heart was breaking, one of the 11 women, who, with five men, were arrested in a resort in Mulberry street Saturday night, was asked sympathetically by Magistrate Ommer, in the Tombs police court yesterday what was the cause of her tears.

"I had just ordered a drink when the cops came and took me away," she replied.

"What is your name?"

"Alice Ben Golf."

Turning to one of the men prisoners the magistrate asked: "Where are you from?"

"The Promised Land," was the answer.

"Six months on Blackwell's Island for all of you," snapped the court.

GREAT PROGRESS

ON PLANS FOR NEW CHURCH IN CENTRALVILLE.

John H. Beaulieu presided over a meeting of the French citizens of West Centralville, interested in the new church in that vicinity. The committees on banquet and collections reported great progress.

ARM FRACTURED

LITTLE BOY FELL DOWN STAIRS AND INJURED.

Harry Lyons, aged ten years, residing at 96 Washington street, while coming down stairs this morning slipped and fell, his left arm being under him when he fell, resulting in a fracture and dislocation of the left wrist. He was taken to the Emergency hospital where his injury was dressed.

NEW ARC LAMPS.

The old-fashioned gas lights in the Merrimack street depot were taken out this morning and the new style gas arc lamps have been placed in position. Heretofore the place has been very dark, but the new lights make it much brighter.

LINEMEN BUSY.

Linemen are busily engaged today removing the cross trees and sawing down the telegraph poles in Middle street.

Monday, Dec. 28, 1903

A. G. POLLARD & CO. IN OUR TOY DEPARTMENT

We have not much left in this line, due to the fact that we had only new and sensible articles and marked at very reasonable prices, still we have a few things left and we will try to clean everything out at following prices.

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Good strong ones, well made and all perfect, different sizes and some with all the latest trunk improvements. They were priced from 50c to $1.50; now marked

15c to 98c

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A few left. All at half price,

25c to 50c Each

GLASS WARE

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SIX O'CLOCK

109 CANDIDATES

For 81 Places on Democratic City Committee

Caucuses for the election of members of the city committee for the ensuing year will be held tomorrow night in the different ward rooms throughout the city. The caucuses will open at 7.30 o'clock and close at nine o'clock. There is a lively contest in several wards, the main issue being the defeat of the present members of the city committee. It will be remembered that this committee failed to call caucuses for the election of a city committee for the present year and therefore the old committee held over.

It is believed that the principal contests will be in wards four, eight and nine. In wards three and five there are but nine candidates for positions on the committee. As each ward is entitled to nine members it will be seen that there is no contest in either of these two wards. It will be noticed that the great majority of candidates for places on the committee are young men and this is particularly true of ward nine.

There are 109 candidates for the 81 places divided among the wards as follows:—

One, 10; two, 13; three, 9; four, 14; five, 9; six, 15; seven, 11; eight, 14; nine, 14.

The names of the candidates in each ward are as follows:

Ward One—Jas. A. Burns, Joseph E. Burns, Charles H. Callahan, Joseph Dallagher, James H. Duffy, William H. Forbes, William J. Manning, Frank J. Mullen, Patrick Owens, James P. Richards.

Ward Two—Michael J. Bruin, Frederick Cox, Patrick Cronin, John J. Cuff, Patrick Fitzgerald, James Kennedy, Patrick A. Lyons, Frank McMahon, John F. Meehan, John Powers, Michael Redican, John Riley, Michael Sullivan.

Ward Three—Peter F. Brady, Thomas P. Donohue, Charles Graham, John J. Hyde, Edward J. Lyden, William H. Mullin, John F. O'Brien, William P. Quinn, Charles J. White.

Ward Four—John H. Chambers, Francis M. Fagan, Joseph F. Fall, John J. Gilbride, John J. Harkins, Andrew Healey, Joseph Hurley, Thomas Mangan, Michael McDonough, Patrick B. McHugh, Patrick C. McNulty, Patrick F. Nestor, John J. O'Connell, Thomas F. Quinn.

Ward Five—Frank Carr, William Daly, John F. Dillon, Edward Gahagan, John McMahon, Patrick McGlinchey, James T. Powers, Edward F. Shea, Charles Thornton.

Ward Six—Francis T. Callahan, John F. Coleman, Robert F. Conroy, James Dolan, George H. Donohoe, James H. Duffy, Thomas Duffy, Thomas Gallagher, Thomas F. Kelley, Thomas J. Kennedy, John J. McCann, James B. McDonald, John T. Moran, Michael Mullen, Willie Read.

Ward Seven—Ernest A. Bernard, Patrick Boyle, John J. Carroll, Frank Fay, Geo. W. Enright, James Hearn, Joseph F. Meade, Stephen F. Monahan, Daniel J. Murphy, Warren P. Riordan, John R. Shea.

Ward Eight—Philip P. Conners, James H. Cronin, Joseph T. Crowley, James T. Doyle, Nicholas J. Fennell, James H. Gray, William A. Kelley, Oliver A. Libby, John J. McCullough, Charles H. Mullin, John M. Ryan, Eugene A. Shea, John H. Ward, John J. Winn.

Ward Nine—Thomas J. Ahearn, Thomas J. Bean, Malachi Burns, John W. Daly, Thomas F. Fee, Eugene Flynn, Daniel J. Gannon, John J. Mahoney, Thomas J. McCrann, Patrick J. O'Brien, James B. O'Connor, James J. O'Neil, Thomas H. Scully, Frank J. Simonds.

MORE WARSHIPS

On Their Way to Panama

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—The fleets of warships on both sides of the Isthmus of Panama will shortly be reinforced by several vessels now on their way to that quarter. The gunboat Topeka of the Atlantic training squadron left Key West yesterday for Colon by way of Kingston as convoy for the torpedo boat destroyers Truxton and Stewart, which have been assigned to patrol duty on the Caribbean coast of the Isthmus. The gunboat Castine arrived at Colon yesterday from Philadelphia, none the worse for her recent grounding on a bar in the Delaware river. The big collier Caesar has left Culebra for Colon with coal for the fleet. The converted cruiser Dixie left League island today for Colon with the Panama marine brigade numbering about 600 men in command of Brig. Gen. Elliott.

Naval movements in the direction of the isthmus have been almost equally active on the Pacific coast. The gunboat Petrel, bound for Panama, arrived at Acapulco, Mex., on the 27th inst., and undoubtedly has left there by this time. The flagship New York, gunboat Bennington, torpedo boat destroyers Preble and Paul Jones and collier Saturn have been fitted out at San Francisco for service in the vicinity of Panama and it is expected that all of them will start south in a day or two.

PELKUS SENTENCED

FOR FALSIFYING RECORDS IN COURT CLERK'S OFFICE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Harry Pelkus, who was convicted of having falsified the records in the office of clerk of the criminal court was sentenced today to three months in the county jail. The falsification of records was in connection with the trial of members of the electrical workers' union accused of assaulting non-union men. Several union electrical workers indicted with Pelkus, were fined $300 each today.

PANAMA WILLING

TO ASSUME PART OF COLOMBIAN DEBT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The statement of M. Bunau-Varilla, the Panama minister, that his government is willing to assume a portion of the Colombian debt, has been received at the British embassy and transmitted by cable to the London government for its consideration.

DESPERATE FIGHT

ROBBERS GOT AWAY WITH ABOUT $28,000.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 28.—A special from South McAlester, I. T., says:

A bold bank robbery, attended by a desperate battle between a posse of citizens and the robbers, occurred at Kiowa, a small town 16 miles south of the city, yesterday, the robbers securing or destroying about $28,000 which was in the bank.

The men gained entrance to the bank building through a rear window. The first charge of nitro-glycerine made no impression on the safe, but the noise aroused residents of the of the town and soon a posse of 50 men was congregated in the stock yards at the rear of the bank.

A volley of shots was fired at the building and it was at once returned by the sentinels of the robbers secreted on the outside of the structure. An almost incessant fire was kept up for half an hour, during which time the robbers continued their effort to open the safe. After looting the safe the robbers left the building from the front and backed off into the darkness keeping up a fire on the posse.

COMMANDER DELANO

PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. Commander Francis H. Delano, of the Nashville, who rendered conspicuous service at Colon at the time of the recent revolution in Panama, has been promoted to the rank of captain. Owing to physical disabilities which have now been removed the promotion of Capt. Delano has been deferred until now.

LIABILITIES $152,298.

BOSTON, Dec. 28—At a meeting this afternoon of the creditors of the brokerage firm of Dennett Brothers & Co., members of the stock exchange, who failed several weeks ago, Assignee Roche read a statement showing that the total liabilities are $152,298 and the total assets $20,558.

A Great Fight

Age and you seem to be having a terrible struggle. It's ten to one you will get whipped—unless you do something. Restore color to your gray hair with Ayer's Hair Vigor. You will look twenty years younger, and your fight with old age will be over. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

LOST—Pocketbook between High and Keene streets. Return to Miss Donnelly, 12 Keene street.

SITUATION WANTED by respectable young lady to do general housework. Address A 24, Sun office.

MRS. KELLY DEAD

Was Wife of Prominent Business Man

Mrs. Patrick Kelley, wife of the well-known bottler of Davidson street, died this afternoon at her home in Andover street. She had been sick but a short time with typhoid pneumonia.

She was a devout and constant attendant at the Immaculate Conception church and was connected with the societies of the church and was also a leader in the Ladies of Charity of St. John's hospital.

The news of her death will be received with great regret by her many friends in this city and the bereaved husband has the sympathy of all in his sad affliction.

HUNT FOR CRIME

Great Committee at Work in Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A secret service organization which will include every law and order loving resident of Chicago is being formed by the citizens' anti-crime committee of 25. Hundreds of letters have been prepared and signed by President Harry Nelson of the committee in prosecution of this plan. Many of these reached the mails Saturday evening and the remainder were sent out yesterday.

The trustees of the board of education are asked to allow the teachers in the public schools to become a medium through which information of the committee's projects may reach the people; clergymen of all denominations are requested to urge their parishioners to take active interest in the work and to give the committee their assistance; employers and employes, officers of civic societies, members of the clubs, heads of labor organizations, are asked to use their influence and devote some of their time to cleansing Chicago of the conditions which brought about the creation of the committee.

Sources of information will be protected, and no reported negligence or dishonesty of officials or of bad conditions generally will be made public until its truth has been ascertained by thorough investigation by the committee's own secret agents.

MAY BE LYNCHED

SHEPHERD SHOT AND KILLED RILEY WEBB.

SARGENT, Ky., Dec. 28.—William Shepherd of Letcher county, has been arrested and is in danger of lynching at Whitesburg. Shepherd went to the home of Obediah Fields, his father-in-law, and shot and killed Riley Webb. Shepherd's wife and her infant child also were wounded with another bullet. The assailant fled but was captured.

SWALLOWED GLASS

IT CAUSED DEATH OF A WOMAN AT COLUMBUS, O.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 28.—Mrs. J. W. Street of 101 E. University street, died at Grant hospital as the result of swallowing a piece of glass while taking dinner with some friends at Camp Chase 15 months ago.

While eating she choked on some unknown hard substance, but it finally passed from her throat into her stomach and she paid no more attention to it at the time, supposing it was simply some food which had not been properly masticated.

WENTWORTH CASE

MAY BE SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The hearing scheduled for today in the case of the contest over the will of the late Mr. Bonaire Arioch Wentworth was postponed indefinitely and it is understood that counsel both for the will and for the contestants are canvassing with their clients the possibility of some agreement or compromise acceptable to all by which the $6,500,000 estate will be removed from litigation. Under the will in controversy the bulk of Mr. Wentworth's estate is bequeathed to the executors for the founding of a Wentworth Institute of mechanic arts at Boston. The will has been contested by the heirs at law, of the estate, who include Mrs. Willoughby Stuart, only child of Mr. Wentworth, and Mrs. Stuart's two sons. All these were left annuities with which they are not satisfied. They have contested the will on the ground that the testator was mentally unsound.

SERIOUS OPERATION.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 28. Edwin P. Does, of Boston, manager of the David Harum Theatrical Co., had a serious operation performed here today. He is unable to continue with the company.

"THE GLORY OF GREECE"

Rev. George F. Kenngott and Rev. Stephen Vaitses will deliver an illustrated lecture on Ancient and Modern Greece at Associate hall Wednesday evening for the benefit of the Greek Reading room.

WHAT WILL WE DO

The Horrors of Leap Year are Upon Us

The dear girls are soon to have an inning. Their dear friend, leap year, is soon to be ushered in and the fellow who has held hands while the lights were burning low will be called upon to declare his intentions in true court style, "yes" or "no."

Terrible as it may seem, Lowell bachelors have just five more days of safety. With the ringing in of the new and the ringing out of the old year they will pass on to thin ice and beyond the danger sign. For eight years they have had immunity from the snares of leap year, as the year 1900, under the revised rules, did not count on the leap year calendar, from the fact that it ushered in a new century.

It may well be said that after so long a wait there are some females in Lowell who are anxious for the chance to exercise the prerogatives of the leap year. In the words of the small boys of the day, next year will be leap year for fair, and the girls who have been on the waiting list will get theirs if it is possible. There are young lawyers, young doctors, young business men, clerks of good position, smart mechanics and others who are already beginning to quake with fear.

For years they have burning the oil and the gas in the homes of fair young Lowell girls without popping or showing the least intimation that their intentions were serious. They have been utilizing the gracious time and comfortable homes of nice young girls for purposes of entertainment, but they are awakening to the fact that it is becoming a serious matter. The girls are more gracious than ever just now in the hope that they can lull their friends of the male persuasion into the belief that everything is lovely.

This is their play to entice the boys to keep on calling until after the new year has put in its appearance. If they can only do that the unwritten but holy law of leap year will step in and help them to find out the triflers. After waiting eight years the girls do not propose to lose any time in exercising the right of finding out just where they stand with their male callers. Of course, they realize that if they let the chances of this year slip by they will have to wait four more long years before they will have another chance.

The young men realize that the young women realize this fact and they are laying plans to circumvent them. One prominent young lawyer, who is regarded as a good catch, said this morning that he is going to cultivate a bad cough whenever in the presence of the young woman who has been making it pleasant for him on Sunday evenings and divers other times at her home for several months. Another young lawyer said the only chance of escape he could find was to go home by way of back streets and keep out of the city on Sunday nights.

A well known young dentist said he had a great scheme. He is going to have friends spread the report that he is engaged to some girl in the west. He thinks that will save him, as he figures no Lowell girl would care to take a fellow who is mortgaged to another girl. A certain young business man in the group admitted that he did not see how he could escape. He said he had more than half asked the girl already and he more than half suspected that she would finish the asking proposition when she sees him, and to escape her, he would have to close up shop and go out of business.

DEMANDS MONEY

SUPT. PERKINS THREATENED WITH DEATH.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 28.—Supt. Perkins of the Burlington road has received a letter mailed at Watson, Mo., a station on that road eighty miles north of here, saying that unless he deposited $5000 in a spot designated, the writer, "Odell Carter," would kill him on sight. Mr. Perkins placed the letter in the hands of the postoffice authorities.

SECRETARY HAY

MUST SEEK HEALTH IN GEORGIA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. The condition of Secretary Hay remains unchanged. Contrary to the expectation of his physicians the secretary's bronchial trouble has not yielded readily to treatment and Mr. Hay probably will leave Washington early in January for Thomasville, Ga., for a visit to Col. Oliver Payne. The mild climate there has helped the secretary before and it is hoped may again prove an effective cure.

MRS. SULLIVAN DEAD

SHE WAS WELL-KNOWN EDITORIAL WRITER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28. Mrs. Alexander Sullivan, well known on both sides of the Atlantic as an author and editorial writer, died today, aged 56, after one week's illness following a stroke of paralysis. During Charles A. Dana's lifetime she was a frequent contributor to the New York Sun, and was an editorial writer on the Chicago Times in the days of Wilbur F. Storey.

Up to the time of her last illness Mrs. Sullivan was an editorial writer on the Chicago Chronicle.

THE EASTMAN CASE.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 28.—The grand jury in the United States district court assembled at 2 o'clock this afternoon after a week's recess and continued its consideration of the charges against Alfred H. Eastman, the Berlin banker.

SPOT COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. Cotton spot quiet, 10 points higher. Middling uplands 13.10; middling gulf 13.35, sales, 100 bales.

ARTIST TRUMBULL DEAD.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 28. Gurdon Trumbull, an artist of distinction, and brother of N. H. Clay Trumbull, who died recently in Philadelphia, died at his home in this city today. It was in studies of fish that Mr. Trumbull achieved his reputation. He was a native of Stonington, this state, and was 62 years of age.

RUSSIA'S GAME

Czar Plans to Postpone Trouble With Japan

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—The consensus of unofficial opinion among those associated with the government but not responsible therefor, is that the czar is so peacefully disposed that he will make such concessions to Japan as are necessary to prevent war, provided no unforeseen events force the hands of the governments concerned. At the same time his majesty, it is pointed out, agrees with those who believe that preparation for war is the best safeguard of peace and that apparent willingness to allow matters to be submitted to the test of arms, is more likely to lead to a satisfactory compromise than an exhibition of overmuch peacefulness. This unofficial opinion, however, believes the controlling party in Russia regards Korea as necessary to the consolidation of Russian interests in the far east, and therefore, is determined to prevent the peninsula falling into Japanese hands and that any concession Russia now makes to Japan will be only with the object of deferring the difficulty until a more seasonable time.

There is not likely to be much difficulty in finding money in case of war. A foreign loan on acceptable terms is probably impossible; but the Russian banks and merchants have ample funds on which the government could draw.

One reason why the British alarmist news fails to convince the Russians is the perfect understanding here of the benefits Great Britain derives from a continuance of the strained situation. It was known here a year ago that Great Britain was planning to occupy Thibet and extend the railroad to a point in the Yangtse valley which is reachable by gunboats from the sea. Great Britain's forward movement at this time excites both admiration and rage, the former for the clever political move, the latter because Russia is so preoccupied in the far east that she is unable to prevent Great Britain from creating her own Manchuria in the Yangtse provinces. It is pointed here that the present situation affords Britain the same opportunity as actual war between Russia and any third power.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 28.—An important joint meeting of the cabinet and privy council takes place today to consider ways and means in view of the grave situation. But no difficulty is anticipated in providing for the extraordinary expenditure, including the completion of the Seoul-Fusan railway.

It is believed, that, unless Russia modifies her reply, Japan will immediately safeguard Korea, though such a step will not necessarily mean war with Russia.

ORDER FOR MESS MEAT.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 28.—The Cudahy Packing Co. of South Omaha is in receipt of a rush order for 1,000,000 pounds for extra mess meat for the Russian government. The shipment must be made from South Omaha so as to reach San Francisco before Jan. 26. On that date two Russian ships will be prepared to sail from that port with the beef on board. It is learned in Omaha that the same ships will also carry a large amount of other supplies which are now on their way or are in preparation for shipment from various ports in the United States. All of these supplies, it is said, are for the war department of Russia.

JAPAN AFTER SHIPS.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of the Argentine warships Moreno and Rivadavia, now building at Genoa, Italy, but up to this afternoon the Japanese legation had not heard of the completion of their purchase.

ANOTHER MEAT ORDER.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—The Russian government has just placed an order with Armour & Co., of this city, for a million and a half pounds of mess meat for immediatement shipment to San Francisco. The order calls for the delivery of the meat at San Francisco by Jan. 22. The meat, it is said, is for the use of the Russian army and its destination is said to be Port Arthur.

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DIVIDEND DAY

Next Tuesday

Owing to the great holiday rush we will be unable to check up all books on Tuesday and have decided to extend the time until Jan. 1. Dividends may be had at either Cook, Taylor & Co's stores, or at this office.

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ASSOCIATE BUILDING

DR. MARY WALKER

MAKES APPEAL FOR A COLORED MURDERER.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Dr. Mary Walker has written to Gov. Odell an appeal for the life of Frank White, the young colored murderer, sentenced to die at Auburn prison tomorrow. He made in his cell, Thursday, a furious exhibit of frenzy and Dr. Walker believes him insane. Prison Supt. Collins has reported to the governor, however, that the prison officers declare White undoubtedly sane and that his outbreak is an instance of unmistakeable shamming. The governor will not interfere with White's execution tomorrow.

HEBREW WOMEN

HAVE FORMED A LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The Hebrew Ladies' Aid society of this city was formed last night at a meeting held at the McIntyre street synagogue. The organization was formed for the purpose of assisting the Hebrew families in this city who from time to time may be in distress.

There are forty charter members and the election of officers for the ensuing six months resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Bertha Paresky; vice president, Mrs. S. Sydeman; treasurer, Mrs. L. Goldberg; secretary, Mrs. H. Herman; trustees, Mrs. M. Gray, Mrs. M. Harris and Mrs. S. Borolopsky.

Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of every month. Refreshments were served after last night's meeting.

WOMAN WILL TESTIFY

TO TELL STORY OF ALLEGED BRIBERY.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 28.—When the examination of ex-Senator George E. Nichols of Ionia, Mich., and William McKnight of this city on the charge of subordination of perjury at the trial of Lant K. Salsbury on the charge of bribery growing out of the Lake Michigan water deal, was resumed today the testimony of Arthur Stowe, who testified Saturday as to the alleged attempt to bribe William H. Garman, while he (Stowe) was watching him for the prosecuting attorney, was read. The examination was adjourned until Wednesday when the prosecution will introduce further testimony. Prosecutor Brown has announced that Mrs. William Leonard, whose husband is charged with having made the direct attempt to bribe Garman will take the stand and testify for the people.

TWO CANDIDATES

FOR THE PLACE NOW HELD BY M. BOURGEOIS.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Delegates of the ministerial groups of the chamber of deputies held a meeting today and considered the candidates to succeed M. Bourgeois, who, on account of ill health, has declined re-election as president of the chamber. Paul Doumer, president of the budget commission, and Etienne Brisson are prominent candidates.

M. Jaures will not again be a candidate for the vice presidency of the chamber.

STARVED TO DEATH

AGED MAN WAS BELIEVED TO BE WORTH $50,000.

HUNTINGTON, Conn., Dec. 28—Eugene Crofutt, aged 82, died at his home in this place and it is believed his death was caused principally by his refusal to take proper nourishment.

Mr. Crofutt lived alone and it is believed he had hoarded $50,000. A month ago he was seized with a fainting spell, caused by lack of food. A physician prescribed a tonic for him, but he refused to spend the money for it.

$50,000 FOR CHARITY.

BOSTON, Dec. 28—The poor of the parish of the Old South church of this city, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Boston Young Men's Christian association and the New England Baptist hospital all benefit under the will of the late Frederick T. Parker, which was filed today for probate. In each case the bequest is about $10,000.

THE FAIR HEARING.

PARIS, Dec. 28—Authority to extend the inquiry into the Fair will case having been received, Commissioner Elsler of New York continued today his examination of Dr. DuCheutreau, who testified that Charles L. Fair's head was crushed by the fall as a result of the automobile accident in August, 1902.

EASTERN LEAGUE MEETING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—The annual meeting of the Eastern baseball league scheduled to be held here today was postponed until next Monday.

THE WEATHER

Local forecast: Fair tonight; colder; Tuesday somewhat warmer; fresh to brisk westerly winds.

FATALLY SHOT

Eardley Fired at Mother-in-Law

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 28.—Joseph Eardley shot and probably fatally wounded his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Lawrence, at her home this afternoon. He is under arrest and in a hysterical state. The shooting appeared to have been due to Eardley's anger at Mrs. Lawrence in advising her daughter to leave Eardley because of his drinking habits.

ACCUSED FRIEND

DYING MAN SAID HE WAS HIS SLAYER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—While grasping at a pen with which to attest a formal charge of murder against John Barendon, of No. 295 Fulton street, Brooklyn, Henry Wiechausen, of No. 553 Liberty avenue, fell back upon his couch and died last night at the Kings county hospital.

Prior to his demise Weichausen orally told Captain John Buchanan and Detective Ralph Wilson of the Liberty avenue police station and Surgeon Jones that at a Christmas party Friday night at the home of Henry Mayerose, No. 295 Fulton street, Barendon without provocation struck him in the abdomen. The blow brought on peritonitis.

Knowing that death was imminent, Surgeon Jones wrote out a charge, which the patient was unable to sign.

Barendon, who is 28 years old, was arrested and locked up in the Liberty station. He declared himself innocent of the accusation.

"Weichausen was my friend, and no one could regret his death more than I do," said the prisoner sadly.

ACCIDENT UNAVOIDABLE.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 28.—Supt. B. W. Duer, of the Pittsburg division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, has made a complete investigation of the cause of the wreck of the Duquesne limited last Wednesday night, near Dawson, Pa., and finds that no employe of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was responsible for the accident. It is declared to have been unavoidable.

NATIONAL REGATTA.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 28.—An agreement has been reached between the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen and the National association, by which the national regatta will be held in July at St. Louis before the week's racing at St. Catharines, Ont., and the contestants at the world's fair are expected to double back to the Canadian events.

ONE WIFE LIVING

MAGISTRATE BOUND TO MARRY TWO PRISONERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Magistrate Pool came near to being an innocent accessory to a case of bigamy yesterday in the West Side police court. The magistrate had insisted on marrying a couple of the prisoners arraigned before him. It was discovered just in the nick of time that the man had a wife living.

It all came about through the arrest on Saturday night of Harry Smith and Mary Quinn of 507 West Forty-first street. Policeman Young of the West Thirty-seventh street station heard the woman shouting for help and went to her assistance. When he got to her the policeman decided to arrest her as well as the man.

In the rooms Young found George Smith, the five-year-old son of the couple. He was sent to the Children's society.

When the couple were arraigned yesterday before Magistrate Pool he noticed the difference in the names of the prisoners. Just then Agent O'Connell of the Children's society explained that the child was being taken care of.

"What child?" demanded the magistrate.

"This couple's child," was the reply.

"Look here," said the magistrate to the prisoners, "you have given different names. Are you married?"

Sure, your Honor," answered Mary Quinn. "This is me common law husband."

"No, he isn't," said the magistrate. "That has been done away with. You are not married at all. I think for the sake of the child that you ought to be. I'll marry you now. Get ready. Give your names and ages to the clerk. Are you willing?"

"Yes," answered the prisoners in chorus, but plainly bewildered.

Probation Officer King made up the necessary papers. Then at the last moment, before the couple stepped to the bench, he got inquisitive. Smith, who is an English ship carpenter, remembered that he had been married before.

"She must be dead, though," he said, "I ain't seen her in six years."

King wasn't ready to take a chance, nor was the magistrate.

COURT MARTIAL

TO TRY GUNNER FRIES AND SERGEANT BROOKS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. In accordance with the recommendation of the board of naval officers which went to Iona, N. Y., to investigate the explosion in the naval magazine there, resulting in the loss of several lives, Secretary Moody has ordered a general court-martial to meet at the New York navy yard January 5 for the trial of Otto Fries, gunner in charge, and Sergeant Brooks in charge of the Marine guard.

Fries is charged with failing to observe the necessary precautions as the regulations in such cases provide, and Brooks is charged with running away and seeking a place of safety, taking his men with him.

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THE SUN LATEST 5 O'CLOCK

AS FROM THE DEAD

Hull's Volunteer Life Savers Returned Home

HULL, Dec. 28.—Welcomed back as from the dead, greeted by every man, woman and child in Hull, the lifeboat Nantasket, bearing Captain Osceola J. James and his crew of eight men, came rolling in from the sea at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, after 17 hours' absence on an errand of mercy, fighting the winds and waves to rescue the crew of the fishing schooner Allen H. Jones.

Since 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, when the lifeboat was pushed through the raging surf, no word had been received from the gallant Hull crew, and through the village the alarm was sounded that the men had been lost.

Anxious men, sireless women and children had watched all night in an agony of despair for news of the life savers, and the most glorious sight Hull ever saw was when the lifeboat came bounding over the waves home again yesterday morning.

Other brave men had forstalled the Hull crew in the work of rescue, but they had a story to tell of danger and hardship, daring and courage which carried them through the mountain seas and home again.

All Hull stood on the beach and cheered Capt. James and his crew, Capt. Joseph Gallino, Louis Gallino, William E. Mitchell, J. Lester Low, James D. Dowd, Jr., Andrew Pope, Andrew Pope, Jr., and Walden Smith, members of the Humane society volunteer life savers.

Men crowded around to hear their story; women who were all night in an agony of fear kissed husbands and sons in an ecstacy of joy at their return.

It had been a terrible night for Hull as well as for the men out at sea.

All night the volunteer crew remained on the schooner Jopey, while the ship, tossed about by the heavy seas, threatened to go to pieces every moment.

THE CALL FOR AID.

In mid-afternoon Saturday the Jones was sighted from Hull flying signals of distress.

Captain James saw her plight. She was off Black Rock, six miles from the life-saving station.

Captain James called his crew. They had been expecting trouble along the coast and were ready.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the lifeboat, manned by the crew of nine men, was hauled out into the boiling surf.

Three attempts were made to launch her. Each time the waves caught her like a cockle shell and tossed her in the air. She shipped gallons of water and men had to haul her back.

Finally a fourth attempt was successful. The boat got sheer of the shore and off she started on the long voyage.

The men were sturdy oarsmen and they shoved the boat through the heavy seas.

The waves were mountain high. Nantasket has not seen so mighty a sea this season.

HARD WORK TO REACH CRAFT.

Progress was desperately slow. The boat kept shipping water, which was baled out as fast as it came in.

The wind was terrific. Great gusts would kick the sea into a maze of spray as the boat dashed through the waves.

Bitterly cold as the weather was the spray froze on the men's coats and coated the boat.

For three hours the Hull crew kept up the hard battle. Every little while some tremendous wave would catch the boat and toss it high in the air and then down it would come with a bang in the hollow of the sea.

In less expert hands the boat would have been swamped. But these men had tasted danger before, and they kept to their work.

At about 7 o'clock, exhausted, half frozen, coated with ice, the men drew alongside the schooner.

They were ready to row back with the rescued men.

But when they clambered over the side of the schooner they learned that their work was in vain. Other men had forestalled them, and Captain Bandura informed Captain James that the Cohasset crew had taken some of his men ashore and that he and the remainder of his men were going to stay by the schooner.

Captain James and his men, disappointed in the work of rescue, were going to turn back to Hull. But it was getting dark and the seas were getting heavier. Besides, the men were exhausted and nearly frozen.

They feared for the safety of Captain Bandura and his men, who had no way of escape if the schooner should go down in the night.

So the volunteer crew decided to remain and stand by the schooner.

There was no sleep for any of them. The vessel was cold and ice-covered.

All night long, though the anchors held her, she pitched, tossed and shivered.

The life-saving men were ready to abandon her at the moment she showed signs of foundering.

Each man was at his post all night.

The ship, however, proved staunch, and the anchors held in spite of the wild storm. But banged and buffeted about by the waves, she threatened often to go down, keeping the men ready at a moment's notice to launch the lifeboat. When the dawn came out of the sky the sea went down.

START FOR HOME.

Then Captain Bandura decided to try to make Boston. Aided by Captain James and his crew sail was hoisted and the anchors hauled up.

The sart for Boston was made and then Captain Bandura thought that he and his men could make port all right unaided, though Captain James and his men volunteered to remain with the ship if necessary.

When the schooner was abreast of Hull the lifeboat was dropped overboard and Captain James and his men started for the shore they had left 16 hours before.

At just 9 o'clock in the morning the wearied, frost-bitten men reached the shore again.

Last night Captain James and his men were the heroes of the hour. All Hull is sounding their praise, for braver work in a storm has rarely been made.

WILLING TO DIE

So Her Husband Murdered Her

STRANGE STORY TOLD POLICE BY ROSE

Child Watched Over Mother's Body

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 28.—Frank Rose, a young barber, called at the police station yesterday and quietly informed the officer in charge that he had killed his wife on Christmas day, that her body was still lying in her bed at his home, where he had shot her.

The police thought he was crazy, but after placing him in a cell they went to the house to investigate. There the woman's cold body was found lying on the bed, and by her side was her 2-year-old baby boy, its little clothes saturated with blood. The child, although it had been in the room two bitterly cold nights and a day, was still alive and promises to suffer no serious harm from the awful experience. When the police burst open the door they found the child with its little arms around its mother's neck.

"I can't wake mama up," said the baby.

According to the man's story, Mrs. Rose had confessed that she had been unfaithful to him, and when he suggested that he kill her she really consented to pay the penalty.

Here is the story Rose told to the police:

"We went to bed at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon Friday and got to talking about the life we were leading. I wanted my wife to quit sporting around and she said she couldn't. I said to her: "Well, there's only one way to stop it, and that is for me to kill you.' 'All right,' she said. 'I'm perfectly willing you should. I'm perfectly satisfied to die and quit this life. It's the only way I can stop it.'

"She said if I left her, she would follow me all over the country and have me put in jail for non-support, and would rather die than do that. So I got my pistol from under my pillow and shot her.

"I got up and dressed and she lay on the bed an hour and a half, struggling and kicking before she died. She asked me to put the baby in her arms, and said she was glad I had shot her and asked me to kiss her goodby.

"After she was dead I went down town and began to drink. I went back that night and next day."

He was asked why he had not made a clean job of it by killing himself at the same time, and he said:

"Oh, I'd fix her, and I thought I'd let the other fellows fix me."

Rose continued his story by declaring that after he killed his wife he dressed and left the room, locking the door. Friday night and Saturday afternoon he returned to the house, taking the child two slices of bread on each occasion.

"I left the child to watch over the body," he added.

Rose came here from St. Louis two months ago. He is 30 years old. When he was arrested he was partially intoxicated. Doctors who examined Rose say he is not insane.

Mrs. Rose was 26 years old and handsome.

"I killed her because she had ruined my life, and I am ready to pay the penalty," Rose declared late last night.

BOWLING NEWS.

A close and well contested game was pulled off on Les Miserables allays Saturday night when the Ramblers and the Settlers got together. The former won by the small margin of four pins. The Ramblers won the first string by 20 pins, and lost the second by 11, and lost the third by two pins, but their margin in the first string was enough to insure a win. Hall of the winning team made a single string total of 112, while his three string total of 277 was the best made during the evening. The score:

Ramblers—Perrin 257, Hall 277, Carr 246, Currier 240, Hope 231; total, 1245.

Settlers—Marsden 268, Higby 240, McGrail 238, Moran 262, Simpson 243; total, 1241.

BURGLARS BREAKING INTO THE POST OFFICE AT BILLERICA CENTRE.

ANOTHER BREAK

Burglars at Work in Billerica

Billerica is about to be policed as it was never policed before. Two burglaries have been committed at the centre within the last fifteen days and the people of that erstwhile quiet and unburglarized hamlet are crying for better police protection.

Last Friday night the postoffice was broken into and several dollars worth of tobacco and cigars was stolen. The thieves gained entrance through a window on the north side of the building. They used a hatchet in removing a pane of glass and left the hatchet behind them.

Owing to the call by the citizens for better police protection, the selectmen issued new orders which went into effect Saturday night. Until further orders by the selectmen the streets of Billerica Centre and of North Billerica will be patrolled between the hours of 11 p.m. and 4 a.m.

IN MANY PULPITS

Sunday Services in Local Churches

"At Ease in Zion," was the subject of a sermon by Rev. Ralph Gillam at the First Congregational church yesterday.

In the evening the annual Christmas concert by the Sunday school was given before an audience that crowded the large vestry. The musical program was under the efficient direction of George Fish, with Miss Lillian Johnson accompanist.

The superintendent and teachers in the various departments had general charge of the affair. The following scholars took part in the exercises:

Hazel Cockerline, Walter Sanborn, Mildred Chapman, Alma Staples, Phillip Richardson, Maud Smith, Norman Roberts, Vera Morton, Harold Wilson, Donald Hanson, Wilbur Richardson, Robert Wenall, Aubrey Hunt, Ray Bartlett, Irene Richardson, George Smith, Dorothy Bergstrom, Harold Bartlett, Hanna Bakewell, Russell Smith, Cora Smith, Winthrop Osgood, Howard Robinson, Eugene Cote, Lucy Fish, Jamie Fish, Charles Bourgeau, Harold Glover, Gladys Kimball, Dorothy Bergstrom, Winfield Hansen, Gladys King, Arthur Ecclestone, Annie Fletcher, Alice Leith, Mabel Sullivan, Belle Robinson, Marion Gott, Ruth Blanchard, Lurene Burns, William Liddell, Eddie Bean, Alice Putnam, Jamie Fish, Gracie Conrad, Cathleen Wright, Ruth Sawyer, Lucy Fish, Irene Cockerline, Mabel Wilmot, Gertrude Wehinger, Elwin Edwards, Nellie Bakewell, Earl Cockerline, Sarah Bakewell, Mattie McGroty, Edna Bollie, Dorothy Carley, Thirza Curtis, Ralph Gillam, Jr., Frank Sweatt, Gladys Ireland, Gracie Houston, Fred Lang, Clarie Robinson, Leah Livermore, Mildred Melvin, Helen Flack, Edith Don, Addie Vogel.

"Christmas in All Lands" was the subject of the Christmas concert of the Fifth Street Baptist Sunday school last evening, under the direction of the superintendent of the school, Roscoe E. Thomas. The children who took part in the program were: Esther Geddes, Esther Thomas, Ruby Smith, Edith Polk, Hazel Vinal, Ethel Brownsward, Laura Thomas, Jessie Campbell, Annie White, Eva Thompson, Daisy Jackson, Jennie Shaw, Myrtle Gordon, Gladys Merrill, Mattie Mellen, Gladys Plumstead, Margaret Parke, Emma Steady, Cora Waterman, Helen Fox, Ethel Foote, Ina Gregg, Marion Brown, Grace Collins, Flora Mowatt.

Primary, recitations by Barbara Walker, Helen Campbell, Laura Cressy, Elsie Smith, Flossie Cutting, Sarah Cowdell, Tillie Holmes, Eva Birchenough, Marion Harley, Norman Brownsward, Walter Wilson, Fred Cressy, Herschel Clough, Lloyd Wiggin, Perry Wiggin, Barbara Davis, Lucy Lyon, Helen Sargent, Harriet Thomas.

Miss Ada Jasper and Miss Maud Pratt sang solos and Lottie and Marion Jackson sang a duet.

The Christmas music at the Kirk street church, yesterday, was repeated. Rev. George E. Martin, D. D., spoke on the text: "But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart."

At the session of the Sunday school, the following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Henry A. Smith; superintendent of the primary department, Miss Belle F. Batchelder; secretary, Harry W. Dunklee.

The Christmas exercises of the Sunday school will be held on Wednesday night.

At the Y. M. C. A., yesterday, Rev. John D. Pickles, Ph.D., of Boston spoke on the subject, "The Gospel's Appeal to Manly Men." Mr. Leon E. Baldwin of the University quartet, Boston, sang gospel hymns.

Rev. G. H. Holcomb, pastor of the Unitarian church of Tyngsboro, was the preacher at the union service of the liberal churches, held in the First Universalist church. He spoke from the text: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness."

The First Universalist church received yesterday as a Christmas gift, an addition to the pulpit furniture, in the shape of a black walnut stand, very rich and churchy in design. It was presented by Mrs. T. C. Entwistle, in memory of her deceased husband, who was a faithful supporter of that church.

At the Centralville Methodist yesterday morning the pulpit was filled by Rev. John Pickles, Ph. D., of Boston, a brother of the pastor. A Christmas concert took place in the evening.

Rev. T. Clayton Welles preached forcibly upon "The Passing of the Year," at the Highland Congregational church last evening.

A Christmas tree was enjoyed Saturday and a concert given yesterday at the Fifth Street mission.

With the exception of the sermon preached by Rev. Robert F. True, the Christmas services were repeated at the Immanuel Baptist church yesterday.

INAUGURATION DAY

INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT THIS WEEK.

Invitations to the inauguration exercises to be held on Jan. 4 will be sent out this week and several hundred of Mayor Howe's friends will receive them. Judge Hadley will administer the oath of office and Rev. Dr. Martin will offer prayer. City Messenger Patten will decorate the aldermanic and councilmanic chambers.

MAN WAS DEAD

He Fell Down Flight of Stairs

HE HAD BEEN DRINKING WITH FRIEND

Police Have Detained the Latter

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—David Bostorum, 32 years old, who lives at 180 Northampton street, ran into the City Hall avenue station about 5.40 last evening from his tailor shop at 13 Province street, and said that a man was sick in that building. Patrolman Gallivan and Kilgreen were sent there and found a man, who has not yet been identified, lying with his feet on the second flight of stairs, and his head on the floor in a pool of blood.

Bostorum said he didn't know the man, but had met him casually at a hotel nearby; the two had come to his place to look at samples and the man had fallen downstairs. The police, however, are holding Bostorum until a further investigation can be made.

The unknown man was dead when he got to the hospital, and the body was taken to Briggs' on Howard street. The medical examiner will perform an autopsy today.

The police are inclined to believe everything that Bostorum says, as he seems to be telling a straightforward story. The two met in a second-class hotel near Bostorum's tailor shop, which is on the third floor at No. 13. They happened to sit at the same table and struck up a conversation, in which the unknown man told Bostorum of being married and having buried five children. He gave the tailor the impression that he was a machinist, and said that his name was Keefe.

Bostorum got to talking business and his friend assented to go and look over some samples of goods, and after purchasing half a pint of whisky they went to Bostorum's shop. They sat there for a while and nearly finished the liquor and then started out.

They went down one flight and then the stranger stopped and went back up that flight, according to Bostorum. When he had nearly reached the top, as the tailor tells it, he toppled over backward and fell down the stairs, striking his head, probably, on the edge of a step. When the tailor saw that he was unconscious, he went back to the hotel and asked the proprietor to telephone the police, but on the advice of the hotel people he went himself to the station.

The officers found the man lying on his side at the foot of the stairs with his head resting on the floor and his feet and legs on the stairs. He was hurried to the hospital, but the physicians said he was dead.

Bostorum said the man had told him his name was Keefe, and he wasn't sure, but thought he had said his first name was "Con." He hadn't told him anything about his place of business or residence. A slip of paper was found in his pockets that read: "Call at Cudby, 8th street, Bassidy, corner of 6th and D street, South Boston." He had $2 and some change and an Ingersoll watch. He was about 45 or 50 years old, 5 feet tall and weighed 220 pounds. He was dark complexioned, with mixed gray hair and stubby mustache, and was bald on the top of his head. He wore a black frieze overcoat, dark striped undercoat, dark checked trousers and vest, fleece-lined underwear and black derby. He had a deep wound over his right eye, and it is thought that his skull was fractured.

FUNERALS

LEAR—The remains of George Davis Lear were forwarded to Portland, Me., this morning. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, two sons, George and Lawrence, two daughters, Edna and Isabelle, and one brother, Wm. H. The bearers were Messrs. George Burns, James Tracey, Winfield Montgomery, John Hanley. John J. O'Connell & Co. had charge of the funeral arrangements.

FINNERTY—The remains of the late Michael J. Finnerty were consigned to their final resting place in the Catholic cemetery this morning. The funeral took place from his late home, 76 Magnolia street, off Varnum avenue, at 8.30 o'clock, and proceeded to St. Patrick's church in Suffolk street, where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. Fr. Callahan. The choir under the direction of Mr. Fred G. Bond sang the Gregorian mass and during the service appropriate selections were rendered by members of the choir.

There was a profusion of beautiful and appropriate doral offerings in evidence showing the esteem in which the deceased was held by his many friends and acquaintances, the following being the most prominent: Spray of palms, inscribed "Father," from the family of the deceased; sheaf of wheat, inscribed "At Rest," from Elizabeth and Mary Sherry; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols; spray of asters Frank George. There was a delegation present from the Holy Name society of St. Patrick's church of which the deceased was a prominent member, and the bearers were Messrs. Andrew Shanahan, James H. Fleming, James Kennedy, James Langan, Michael McDermott and Patrick McGrath. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Callahan. The funeral was under the direction of Undertaker C. H. Molloy.

PALMER—The funeral services of Miss Laura J. Palmer were held yesterday afternoon from the room of Undertaker Molloy at 3 o'clock, Rev. Smith T. Ford being the officiating clergyman. Later the body was forwarded to Bangor, Me., for burial by Undertaker Molloy.

HOLT—The funeral of Mrs. Ida Holt took place from her residence in Billerica Centre yesterday afternoon and burial was in Fox Hill cemetery in charge of Undertakers Young & Co. Rev. Mr. Nevins conducted the services at the house.

BERGERON—The funeral of Henri Bergeron took place Saturday from his home, 148 Cushing street, the requiem mass being sung at 8 o'clock at St. Joseph's church. Rev. Fr. Amyot, O. M. I., officiated. The bearers were Charles Lerebvre, Benjamin Joyal, Geo. Bergeron, Jeffrey J. Cossette. The body was entombed at St. Joseph's cemetery. Undertaker Albert had charge.

RALLS—The funeral of Andrew J. Ralls was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of his parents, 80 Adams street, and was largely attended. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery in charge of Undertakers O'Donnell & Sons.

SEETON—The funeral of the late Robert B. Seeton was held from his home, 30 Third avenue, yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives. Impressive services were conducted at the Pawtucket Congregational church, Rev. E. R. Smith, the pastor, officiating. Appropriate hymns were sung by a quartette consisting of the following named: Mrs. O. R. Park, Mrs. B. R. Wood, Lewis Mason and John McLaren. Mr. Frank B. Hill presided at the organ. The bearers were Samuel H. Harvey and William E. Grady, representing the local order of Elks, George Gordon, and Peter Caddell, representing the Scottish Clans, and Alonzo H. Vining and John J. McManmon, representing the Pawtucketville fire department. Lowell lodge, Knights of Pythias, was represented by a delegation and they performed their services at the grave in the Woodbine cemetery in Pawtucketville. The floral offerings were profuse. Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck had general charge of the funeral arrangements.

McPADDEN—The funeral of Stephen McPadden was held yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, 236 Methuen street, and burial was in the family lot in the Catholic cemetery in charge of Undertaker Molloy.

LEMKE—The funeral of Frank Lemke took place from the home of his parents, 10 Stanley street, yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock and burial was in the Edson cemetery. Undertaker C. H. Molloy had charge.

CHALOUX—The funeral of Dorothy V. Chaloux took place Saturday from the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chaloux, 610 Chemisford street. The funeral services were held at St. Joseph's church. Rev. Fr. Lewis, O. M. I., was the officiating clergyman, assisted by Rev. Fr. Nolin, O. M. I., and Rev. Fr. Graton, O. M. I., as deacon and sub-deacon.

The choir, under the direction of H. A. Racicot, gave the harmonized mass of the dead. The bearers were Messrs. Hormisdas Vallerand, Louis Hebert, Euclide Vallerand and Wilfrid Chaloux.

Burial was in the family lot in St. Joseph's cemetery. Rev. Fr. Audibert, O. M. I., recited the committal prayers at the grave. Undertaker Albert had charge.

NEVINS—The funeral of Christopher Nevins took place Saturday afternoon from the rooms of Undertakers O'Donnell & Sons and at 3 o'clock services were conducted at St. Peter's church, Rev. Fr. McDermod officiating. The bearers were James Finnigan, John Conway, Thomas Brown and John H. McAnney. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery in charge of Undertakers O'Donnell & Sons.

LEGGETT—The funeral of Mrs. Alice M. Leggett occurred Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late home, 114 Beach street and was largely attended. Rev. Orville Coats officiated and in his remarks made mention of the self-sacrificing spirit, always shown, and the kindly greeting with which Mrs. Leggett always met people. There was a great profusion of floral tributes sent by sorrowing friends. Mrs. B. B. Hart, Mrs. Birge Day and Messrs. George Sturtevant and Melvin Eames sang "My Heavenly Home is Bright and Fair" and "Sleep On Beloved." The bearers were Messrs. R. B. Thomas, Samuel McCord, Channing Wilkins of Worcester and Blake Coats. Burial was in the Edson cemetery, Undertaker C. M. Young in charge.

McGREEVY—All that was mortal of the late Michael McGreevy was consigned to its final resting place in the Catholic cemetery this morning. The funeral took place from the late home of deceased, 13 Burns street, at 8.30 and was largely attended by sorrowing friends and relatives.

The cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church, where a mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Fr. McDermod. The choir under the direction of James E. Donnelly rendered Schmidt's mass. At the offertory the "De Jesu" was sung by Miss Mollie Ivers and at the conclusion Mr. Donnelly rendered "No Cross, No Crown." As the remains were carried from the church the full choir sang "Rest, Spirit, Rest." Mrs. Josephine McKennedy presided at the organ. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful, among them being: A sheaf of wheat from family; large spray from the employes of E. D. Shattuck, and a large wreath from the firm of Collins & Gallagher. The following close friends of deceased were the bearers: Thomas McNiff, James Cooney, Palmer Duffy, John Ward, Peter McNiff and Michael Dolan. At the grave Rev. Fr. McDermod read the committal prayers and the interment was under the direction of Undertakers J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

HE FAILED AGAIN

Cuban Wonder Obliged to Forfeit

At the Academy of Music Saturday night Beuldin, the Cuban wonder, again lost money, for he attempted to throw Frank Heidke and William Ladue in 16 minutes and failed dismally. On Christmas night he tried Ladue and failing to throw him in 15 minutes forfeited the $25.

Ladue wrestles Paul Sweeney, the Nashua heavyweight, in O'Donnell hall, Nashua, tonight and a special car for Lowell sports will leave Merrimack square at 6.30. Quite a number of Lowell people will go up.

Ladue would like a match with Charlie Reinecke and will post a forfeit for appearance with this paper. Ladue and Reinecke will make the best bout ever seen here as there is a professional rivalry between them and not the best of feeling. Hence, if they meet, their work will be the genuine article.

WILL BE FLOATED.

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., Dec. 28.—Much progress has been made even under bad weather conditions in repairing the hull of the Starin line steamer Erastus Corning, ashore on Copps rocks and it is likely that at low tide tomorrow the craft will be pumped out and floated. The wrecking company expects to tow the steamer to New York on Wednesday.

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NEW YORK CITY

May Get the National Convention

ST. LOUIS OUT OF THE RUNNING

Kansas City Not to be Considered

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Democrats in and out of Washington are beginning to give much consideration to the matter of deciding upon a city in which to hold the national convention of the party next year. The convention city is, of course, to be determined by the democratic national committee, which will meet here on Jan. 12, but the opinion of prominent democrats who are not members of the committee will have some weight in influencing the selection.

Until recently Chicago has been looked upon with favor, but the fact that the republicans have decided to meet there caused many democrats to think of going elsewhere. The democratic convention will probably be held about one week after the republican gathering meets, or on June 28.

The democrats do not feel that they want to be made the tail of the republican kite and come trailing along a week after their opponents have met, and take up with their leavings. Chicago will, of course, "spread" itself to entertain the republican delegates and has agreed to put up a bonus of $75,000. In consequence the democrats might not fare as well by going there as if the city was to be host for only one political gathering. The high hotel rates demanded are another objection to Chicago.

ST. LOUIS NOT IN FAVOR.

St. Louis having failed to capture the republican convention will make an effort to induce the democrats to gather there, but its attempt is not likely to be rewarded with much better success than the offer to entertain the republicans. The reason the democrats do not want to go to St. Louis is the same as that which caused the republicans to look with disfavor upon the World's fair city.

Kansas City is not likely to receive any better consideration if it makes an offer. Democrats remember the fate of the party which followed the convention held in that city in 1900. Then western sentiment predominated, and a western man was to be renominated, but now eastern sentiment is regaining control, and it is almost certain that an eastern man is to be the nominee. So it is contended that some eastern city would be better than a far western city as a place for holding the convention.

Within the past few weeks there has been a notable trend of sentiment toward New York city. The metropolis presents every possible advantage for holding the convention. The question of railroad facilities, hotel accommodations and a hall for the convention do not enter into consideration when New York is mentioned. It has everything in this respect that could be desired. The question as regards New York turns upon the political significance of holding the convention there.

MUST CARRY NEW YORK.

New York is a great democratic city, situated in a state which the democrats honestly believe they can carry next November, and which, in fact, they must carry or certainly lose the election. A convention of democracy in New York, besides having a beneficial effect upon the Empire state, it is argued, would stiffen the party in the neighboring states of New Jersey and Connecticut, and even in Delaware and Rhode Island, and the democrats will make a determined effort to win in these states next year.

What the effect of holding the convention in New York would be upon the aspirations of the leading candidates for the presidency is a matter difficult to determine. There are several New Yorkers under consideration, Judge Parker, of course, being the most prominent, with Mr. Hearst perhaps a good second. Mayor-elect McClellan "mentioned" and Ex-Senator Hill always a candidate.

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PRETTY ACTRESS

BROUGHT VENGEANCE ON HEAD OF WOMAN SHE HATED.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Grace DeWolfe, a decidedly pretty actress, left Syracuse for her home in New York yesterday morning after having brought vengeance on the head of the woman she hated. She was a member of the Rhea Lorraine theatrical company, which played last week in Geneva. Monday she was arrested upon a warrant sworn out by Miss Lorraine, the manager and leading woman, alleging that Miss DeWolfe had deserted the company after having her expenses paid in advance. Yesterday the trial came off and the actress was discharged. She at once swore out a warrant for Miss Lorraine's arrest, charging malicious prosecution, and it was served during the progress of the show. The leading woman fainted and the performance came to an abrupt end.

The prisoner, in a hysterical condition, was taken to the home of the sheriff for the night, while Miss DeWolfe boarded a train for Syracuse. Miss Lorraine will probably be arraigned today, and as no one is likely to press the charge she will probably be discharged.

LETTER OF SYMPATHY

TO MINISTER WHO SAID HE WAS STARVED.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 28.—The Rev. S. B. Dunn, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, whose statement before the Boston Presbytery at Waltham that he had been literally starved into resigning, was published recently, preached his farewell sermon last night, and at its conclusion was much surprised when the Rev. Charles J. White, D. D., pastor of the Universalist church, read the following letter of sympathy:

Woonsocket, Dec. 27, 1903.

The Rev. and Dear Brother S. B. Dunn: The Protestant pastors of this city take this occasion of your resignation of your pastoral office among us to express their heartiest esteem for you personally, their admiration of your Christian bearing under most peculiarly trying conditions, and their very highest satisfaction in your ministry as marked by the traits of a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. Your loyalty to your church, your indefatigable labors in its behalf, your sympathy and co-operation with all the Catholic body of Christ, your aid in all philanthropic endeavor, has made us all your debtors. We assure you of our loving regard and best wishes wherever you may go. We venture to commend you to the confidence of all Christian people as a manly man, equipped in scholarship, and endued with the spirit of the Master—a workman of whom none be ashamed.

Craving the abundant blessing of God upon you and yours, we subscribe ourselves, Yours in Christ.

C. J. WHITE, pastor of the First Universalist church.

J. C. ALVORD, pastor of the Globe Congregational church.

E. C. RAMETTE, of French Baptist church.

MRS. EMELINE TUTTLE, pastor of Friends' church.

W. ASHTON THOMPSON, rector of St. James' Episcopal church.

FRANCIS H. SPEAR, pastor First Methodist church.

C. H. FARNHAM, pastor of the Advent church.

RATHBONE SISTERS.

At the annual meeting of the Rathbone Sisters held recently the following officers were chosen: Most excellent chief, Miss Annie Hogan; excellent senior, Mrs. Edith Brelton; excellent junior, Mrs. Maggie Sutherland; protector of the temple, Miss Sadie Hogan; guard of the outer temple, Miss Florence Gilman; mistress of the records and correspondence, Mrs. Flora Glidden; mistress of finance, Mrs. Mary A. Gilman; trustee for three years, Mrs. Ella Maynard; representative to the grand temple, Mrs. A. C. Billas.

COTTON MARKET

New Record for High Prices

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—New high record prices were made amidst the greatest excitement at the very opening of the cotton exchange today. First prices were at an advance of 23 @ 61 points. Before the call was fairly completed March had sold at 14.01, May at 14.20 and July at 14.14. The advances followed the surprising strength at Liverpool where prices were 17 to 20 points higher at the time of the local opening instead of a shade lower as expected with private cables ascribing going to heavy buying for continental Egyptian and American accounts. The early market was active and excited. There was tremendous buying for both accounts with New Orleans supporting just enough to add to the apprehension of shorts which were apparently in a panic stricken condition. But realizing, too, was very heavy and after the call prices showed a declining tendency, sagging off several points from the best during the first 15 or 20 minutes although the market continued very feverish and unsettled with most of the selling by parties having profits to take.

POLICE BOARDS

Will be Discussed by Legislature

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—It is thought likely that among the mass of legislation to be introduced on Beacon Hill this winter several cities may ask for the creation of a police commission with powers to grant liquor licenses, providing such communities vote yes.

One of the most serious problems many of the cities have to contend with is the management of the police force, for with each incoming administration the issue generally hinges on the personality of the city marshal or chief of police. The liquor question is always a troublesome one for both mayor and chief of police.

The enforcing of the law as regards liquor, while forming a very important part of the municipal affairs, is not the whole business of a mayor. He has many other municipal problems to solve, but he is often judged solely as to his ability to handle the liquor problem.

In view of the difficulties surrounding municipal government it is thought that some general proposition will be made to the legislature with a view of removing the control of the police from the active participation by the mayor, and either give cities power to select a chief on a permanent basis subject to good behavior and faithful performance of duty or else give the mayor power to appoint three commissioners regardless of politics, whose duties shall be to name a chief of police to serve for five years and also give the same commission power to grant licenses of all kinds, which power is now vested in boards of aldermen where license commissions do not exist.

It is considered doubtful if the legislature, although it is republican, would want to take away from any more cities the power to control their own police as in the case of Boston and Fall River, and give it to the governor.

The governor has already three police departments under his personal supervision, the State police, under Chief Wade, and the Boston and Fall River police. Under Governor Greenhalge a proposition was made to give the State control of Holyoke and Woburn departments, but he strenuously objected. The governor has already more work than he can properly attend to with other commissions and state boards under his guidance, so that, in view of this fact, it looks as if some bill might be passed through the legislature giving cities power to create commissions which shall be appointed by the mayor to serve a three years' term.

Cambridge is already talking of applying for a commission, and similar movements are being started in Lawrence, Haverhill, Lowell, Gloucester, New Bedford, Holyoke, Worcester and Springfield.

NEGRO BLEACHED

BY THE USE OF THE X-RAY.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 28.—Dr. H. K. Pancoast of the University of Pennsylvania has discovered that it is possible, by means of the X-ray, to so bleach the skin of a negro that to all intents and purposes the subject becomes a white person. The condition of the person so treated is permanent. The discovery was made incidentally while negroes were being treated at the university for cancer and lupus, and, while no attempt so far has been made to experiment with the skin of a healthy negro, Dr. Pancoast himself believes it is possible to change the color.

WAGNER'S ESTATE

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NASHUA, Dec. 28.—George Bosser of Manchester, George A. Wagner, a ker administrator of the estate of Edward Wagner of Manchester at Saturday's session of the Probate court. The petitioners were Minna Wagner, widow and Otilia Wagner, daughter, both of Manchester. George A. Wegner a nephew, presented the petition, which describes the estate at an estimated value of $125,000, $75,000 in real estate and $50,000 in personal property. The administrator, as principle, and the two heirs, gave a bond for $250,000 as surety.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

ABEEL IS CAUGHT

Alleged to Have Posed as Goelet

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The man arrested on the Canadian side of the river last night is James Abeel of New York, who, it is alleged, posed as "J. Ogden Goelet, Jr., claiming relationship to the well known Goelet family, and became engaged to Miss Grace Anderson of New York.

On Wednesday last two men went to the Savoy hotel at Niagara Falls, Ont., and registered from Chicago. One of them gave his name as F. S. Hall and the other W. K. Hall. Last night Chief of Police Mains received a telegram from Inspector McCluskey of New York asking him to arrest F. S. Hall, who, the message said, is wanted in New York on a charge of forgery.

Hall is still at the Savoy, in charge of a police officer. The man with him is not in custody. Hall has engaged counsel and will probably fight extradition. Acting under the advice of his counsel, he will make no statement farther than to declare that he has committed no crime. He will be arraigned today.

Hall at first denied that he was Abeel, but later admitted that was his right name.

If Abeel persists in his determination to fight extradition and refuses to return to New York, the officials admit that they will be at a standstill, because the extradition laws will not cover the case.

Abeel said last evening:

"So much trouble has been made over me by the police and newspapers that I do not know but what I will return and prove my innocence. I am entirely innocence of impersonating J. Ogden Goelet or any other Goelet.

"The fact that I am making my home in Canada under an assumed name is purely a personal matter. My family is well acquainted with my reasons, and so long as I do not turn my assumption of an alias to any criminal account, I do not think I am answerable to anyone.

"I have communicated with my relatives, and if it is thought best I shall return to New York, and then the truth, so far as I am concerned, will become known."

MAN SUFFOCATED

Overcome at Fire in Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—A man named Marshall was suffocated today in a fire which caused a damage of $15,000 in the three-story brick building at 148-154 Court street. Marshall, whose first name is unknown, was sleeping on the third floor and probably died without waking. He was something of an inventor and is said to have been working on an airship model from which he expected to realize a fortune. The loss to the owner of the building, R. L. Rich, is about $5,000, and to all the occupants $10,000. These include several tailors and dentists. The fire was confined to the second and third floors.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

WILL BE WITH US THIS WEEK.

New Year's is approaching. To a great number in this country, but even more in Canada and the continental countries of Europe, New Year's day is the holiday of the year. It is the day when friends call upon friends to wish them a happy new year, when acquaintances gather in social circles and dances, when all are glad that a new year, with the promise of spring and of summer has arrived.

In some of the countries of Europe, as in Sweden, France and Germany, the New Year holidays extend over an entire week, business is at a standstill and all delight in the simple fact that they live, and living, are content. In China, although another calendar is in use, New Year's day is the great annual holiday and is celebrated with noise enough to made an American Fourth of July comparatively quiet.

In America and in England, the day takes second place. Christmas, with its holidays, socials and gift giving, takes the lead; but even here the day may not go by unnoticed, is not as other days.

New Year's day is observed in New England as much as anywhere in this country, except possibly in New York city. In the metropolis the day is traditionally one of calls and the exchange of social courtesies. In New England the French Canadian people keep alive the traditions of the occasion and make it their great mid-winter festival. They do not have formal celebrations, to any great extent, but make the day one of general sociability.

JIMMY GARDNER

WILL MEET BUDDY RYAN IN CHICAGO.

Jimmy Gardner of Lowell and Buddy Ryan of Chicago have been matched for a six-round bout, to take place in Chicago January 11.

George Gardner, who is matched for a bout with Marvin Hart for the Criterion club, Boston, a week from tomorrow night, is training faithfully for the contest at his home in this city. He will be in grand condition, and expects to win inside of the limit.

RECEIVERS' REPORT.

DANIELSON, Conn., Dec. 28.—An immediate report on the condition of the Windham County National bank which institution was closed by a court order early last week on the basis of a petition for a receivership, is expected by the directors. Receiver Ellis W. Pepper, it is understood, has completed the examination of the books.

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GENERAL CRUSADE ON IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Retail Business Is Falling Off

NASHUA, Dec. 28.—There is a warrant out for bad "booze."

"Forty rod" has got to "hit the pike;" uno beer can no more mask for good, brown October ale.

Any bad liquors on sale in this town? The license law decrees and the license board demands that when you pay your money you shall be furnished with red eye, unadulterated.

Thomas Flood, inspector for the license commission, has been in town for a week past. He claims as a citizen he has a right to come here any time he wants to.

The question that is arousing interest is: Why have officials, authorized by the license board, been dropping quietly into "booze" shops without question of race, color or previous condition, taking away bottles sealed in the presence of the licensed holders, and leaving saying back over their shoulder "Merry Xmas?"

For those wise to the game comes back the query "why?"

It is stated that in several cases the dropping in of the inspector who came unheralded was passed upon without comment, but his exit, after his business had been transacted, may in more than one case have brought forth the proverbial "Damme, strub, what's up?"

Probably very few people in the state are aware that the keeping of bad liquors may be punished by a fine of $200 and the forfeiture of both license and bond.

Here is the law on the subject:

Sect. 21. Any commissioner, police officer, constable, special agent, selectman or sheriff may at any time enter on the premises of a person who is licensed under the provisions of this act, to ascertain the manner in which such person conducts his business, and to preserve order. Such officers may at any time take samples for analysis of any liquor kept on such premises, and the vessels containing such samples shall be sealed on the premises of the vender, and shall remain so sealed until presented to the state laboratory of hygiene for analysis. The city or town in which such vender resides shall pay for the samples so taken, if such liquor is found to be of good quality and free from adulteration. If, however, such liquor shall prove to be adulterated with any deleterious drug, substance or liquid which is poisonous or injurious to the health, or if such liquor prove to be other than it purports to be, the licensee shall be fined $200, shall forfeit his license and the bond thereon, and such license shall not be renewed for at least three years from the date of its forfeiture.

GENERAL CRUSADE.

Hints have been received that similar proceedings have been going on in other municipalities and at the next meeting of the license commission there may be some very interesting developments. One Nashua man says that after the first of the year the commission may decide to take on a load of New Year's resolutions and as ex-Governor Goodell or Mark Hanna would say, "stand pat."

The question of the legitimacy of some of the cheaper brands of booze is a pretty serious problem to saloon keepers, especially among those who are having pretty hard sledding to make both ends meet as is declared to be the case in many instances. Standard "booze" costs more at wholesale now than it used to.

While it is undoubtedly true that the consumption of "booze" is as great as ever, there were many other things which used to work to swell the account in the cash drawer of the saloon manager which have been done away with.

A Ledge street dealer said a few days ago in speaking of this phase of the matter: "We used to take in $30 per day from our pool tables and lunch counter alone, but this has been cut down. Men come in now, take their drinks, and walk away, where formerly they would stand around awhile, play a game of pool, perhaps, or order a pan of hot steamed clams. That meant a good deal to our business here.

"On the other hand our wholesale and family trade has increased. Men who formerly took their drinks over the bar now order a case up to their rooms to which place they can, if they wish, invite their friends for a social evening."

TO INDICT GREENE

STATEMENT MADE BY A NEW YORK MINISTER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—"If it be in my power to get the district attorney of New York county to indict Police Deputy Francis V. Greene and Deputy Police Commissioner Alexander R. Piper, for neglect of duty, I shall do so," said the Rev. Cortland Myers in an arraignment of the two officials in the Baptist Temple last night. Mr. Meyers accused Capt. Piper of having stolen from his society four men who up to that time had done good work for the society, "and giving each of those men a detective sergeant's badge, something that was an actual violation of the law and a crime. They were men who had no right to wear them and were not policemen and never had been, and now he undertakes to charge the society with the acts of the men." In beginning his attack upon Gen. Greene and Mr. Piper, the minister said:

"Gen. Francis V. Greene, the reforming commissioner, has at last been driven out of his hole, and has been driven to the usual course of all people detected in the non-performance of duty, who have undertaken to cry against somebody 'stop thief' and not answer what is said against them. He is a reformer. He was placed where he is, it is said, to reform gross abuses which the celebrated Devery was said to have allowed to grow up in the department. It is almost seen, from what has occurred since the remark of the gentleman by the name of Van Wyck, 'that Deverey was the best chief of police we ever had,' that of the crimes that were allowed in the city of New York, some have increased rather than diminished under the Reformer Greene."

Police Commissioner Greene dismissed the remarks of the Rev. Mr. Myers in a few words. "All that he said should be treated anonymously," he declared. "The Rev. Mr. Myers has told the police department that pool rooms are located in such and such a street. Then he has declined further information. It is hard to define what his motive is."

"AMEN CORNER"

WILL TENDER BANQUET TO MAYOR-ELECT McCLELLAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—In order that Mayor-elect McClellan may profit by the experience of mayors of other cities at the outset of his career, the "Amen Corner" directors have decided that when Mr. McClellan is their guest at dinner on January 27 he will have to listen to the advice of several men who have held similar offices in other cities. Invitations to attend and to tell the new mayor how to conduct his office so as to avoid criticism have been sent to Carter H. Harrison, mayor of Chicago; Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia; Patrick A. Collins, mayor of Boston, and Denis Mulvihill, the "labor" mayor of Bridgeport, Ct. One of the most notable speeches will be delivered by Senator Thomas C. Platt, who is a personal admirer of the mayor-elect. At the dinner given for Mr. Platt two years ago Mr. McClellan made an extemporaneous speech that won many plaudits, and the senator's reply is expected to be in a similar happy vein.

LOOMFIXERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Loomfixers' Association will meet tonight. Election of officers and other important business will be transacted.

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THE SUN EXTRA

6 O'CLOCK

GOODWIN CASE

Decision is Expected on Wednesday

LAWRENCE, Mass. Dec. 28.—It is expected that a decision in the case of Henry K. Goodwin will be reached on Wednesday of this week.

The matter of Goodwin's pardon has been agitated for some weeks and a petition signed by hundreds asking for executive clemency, was presented to the governor. The petition was turned over to the executive council and they have been deliberating upon it for some weeks, but as yet no definite conclusion has been arrived at.

Clarence Rowley, counsel for Goodwin, at the last meeting of the pardon committee of the executive council, made a statement to the effect that if Goodwin was pardoned he and his friends would put up a bond through a surety company for $50,000 guaranteeing that he would leave the state and go to Europe, Asia, Africa or any part of the world if desired by those who are opposing his pardon. He wants his liberty to go out into the world and begin life anew.

Goodwin's chances, of course, rest with the executive council and the governor. The latter is said to be favorably disposed towards granting the pardon, but some of the councillors are not favorably disposed towards clemency.

BIG DAMAGES

DELAWARE & HUDSON COMPANY SUED.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Four employes of the Erie Railroad company have brought suits aggregating $50,000 against the Delaware & Hudson Canal company, the trials of which will involve most important legal questions. The men bringing the suits, all of whom reside in Susquehanna, are Engineer John King, $10,000; Conductor Polk Palmer, $25,000; Fireman Daniel Creagan, $25,000, and Brakeman John Dugan, $20,000. All of the men claim to have received serious and permanent injuries as the result of the wreck which occurred to an Erie train between Forest City and Uniondale in June last, when the Erie train ran into a Delaware & Hudson locomotive. The plaintiffs claim that while the Delaware & Hudson company has certain trackage rights over the Erie, the company had no right to the northbound track, on which the Delaware & Hudson engine stood, and the engine was left there through the negligence of the Delaware & Hudson employes.

OFFICERS ELECTED

BY THE UNITED IRISH LEAGUE LAST EVENING.

The United Irish league held another rousing meeting at its headquarters in Barristers' hall last evening. Michael A. Lee occupied the chair.

The election of officers for the ensuing term was held and the following officers were elected: President, Rev. James A. Walsh; vice president, Richard Lyons; second vice president, Miss Delia A. Conway; recording secretary, Michael Connolly; financial secretary, Miss K. T. Conmee; treasurer, Edmund Costello; executive committee, Michael Casey, James Carmody, Edward J. Gallagher, Miss Mamie Sheridan, Patrick Downs, James Long, Miss Margaret Sullivan, Miss Nellie Luney, Patrick Connolly, Patrick Sullivan, Maurice O'Connor, Dennis McDowell, Miss Elizabeth Homan, Miss Nora Reardon, Joseph Rayball, Michael Neylon, John Lee, Miss Delia Clancy, Miss Bridget Gaynor, M. A. Lee, Miss Nellie Dillon, John Roark and James Hinchy.

The new officers will be installed at the meeting next Sunday evening. Officers were chosen for the Leap Year party to be held Jan. 22. A fine musical program was given and among those who took part were Dennis McDowell, Miss Maggie Hickey and Michael A. Lee, who sang in the Gaelic tongue.

The executive committee will meet Thursday evening.

MRS. HOAR BURIED.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 28.—The funeral of Mrs. Ruth Ann Hoar, wife of Senator Geo. F. Hoar, who died at Washington Thursday, was held from the Church of the Unity this afternoon. Rev. Dr. Edward E. Hale of Boston, who was the first pastor of the Church of the Unity, conducted the service. The body will be taken to Concord, Mass., tomorrow, for burial in Sleepy Hollow cemetery. Gov. Bates, Lieut.-Gov. Guild and other public men attended the service.

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MORE SMALLPOX

Lawrence Man Caught It in Newburyport

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 28.—James Carney of 23 Summer street was taken to the isolation hospital yesterday suffering from a well-defined case of smallpox.

Mr. Carney is 52 years of age and is employed in a foundry in Newburyport. He came home a week ago Saturday, Dec. 19, suffering from what appeared to be a bad cold with fever. He continued to grow worse, although it was thought to be merely a case of the grip, until Saturday, when smallpox was suspected and Agent Smith notified. Mr. Smith at once saw that the patient was suffering from smallpox, but, in order to confirm his opinion, sent for Dr. Morse, who likewise pronounced it a case of the dread disease.

Mr. Carney was removed to the hospital yesterday. The other members of the family, Mrs. Carney and three boys, were vaccinated. They will be carefully watched for several days. Then, if no indications of the disease are noticed, they will be allowed to leave the house.

It is supposed that the disease was originally contracted from a child. A child in Newburyport had what was supposed to have been chicken pox while there on a visit to friends with its parents. Later, when the family returned to their home in Hudson, the child was examined by Dr. Morse and the case pronounced one of smallpox.

While this child was ill with what was called chicken pox by the Newburyport physicians a man living in the same house, who is an intimate friend of Mr. Carney, was taken ill with the grip or what was supposed to be the grip. From subsequent developments it is now thought that the man in question contracted smallpox from the child and that Mr. Carney caught it from him.

GOVERNOR ODELL

SAYS HE IS TOO BUSY TO MEET PLATT.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Governor Odell still refuses to say when he will go to New York to see Senator Platt. He will not commit himself to any particular day. He said last night: "It is strange to me that such interest should be taken in my visit to New York city. I cannot tell at this time just when I will go. You know I am so busy with my message that it is impossible to leave Albany."

He declined to explain what he meant yesterday when he said that the legislature would have before it a proposition to save the state $40,000,000. It is believed he referred to the issue of short term bonds for the canal improvement project.

RUSHED FOR DINNER

WOMEN AND CHILDREN TRAMPLED UPON.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 28.—During a stampede of 10,000 men, women and children waiting for admission, which followed the opening of the doors of the Coliseum, where the Volunteers of America gave their annual Christmas dinner, yesterday, several women and children were knocked down and trampled on, but none was seriously injured. The crowd was the largest that ever assembled at such an affair in Chicago, and when everyone had been satisfied, not a morsel of the tons of food remained.

PERSONALS

Parthenais Brothers of this city have made an assignment for the benefit of creditors. The assignees are Charles L. Knapp of this city and George W. Ray of Boston.

Miss Elizabeth B. Finn, formerly of this city, is spending a few days with friends at 547 Fletcher street. Miss Finn is now teaching music and embroidery in Boston.

Miss Mabel Dustin, of Londonderry, is a guest of the local Y. W. C. A.

Miss Lena Earle is Miss Edith Hoyt's guest at Goffstown, N. H., for the Christmastide.

After the regular service at the Mt. Vernon Free Baptist church last night, Mr. Ami Brown was set apart as a deacon of the church.

Mrs. Jacob Rogers of Pawtucket street has cards out for a tea on New Year's day.

Mrs. Mary S. Cutler of this city who is spending the winter in Madison, Neb., where her daughter is living, spoke before the Women's club of that place at its last meeting on "The Mills and Textile School of Lowell."

Frank G. Rundlett, one of the veteran lettercarriers, has been confined to his home with a severe cold. His place on the lower Gorham street route has been temporarily filled by Substitute Carrier Provencher.

Miss Gertrude Edmund is ill at St. John's hospital of neuralgia of the heart.

Edward Dupuis of 4 Austin street has started on a four months' trip to Canada, where he will visit friends and relatives in Montreal, Ottawa and Chambre.

Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Kingsley will receive thier friends at the Highland M. E. parsonage Friday afternoon and evening.

Mr. William McAloon formerly engaged in the proclaim business in this city, but now of New Rochelle, N. Y., is visiting his mother at her home on Howard street, having come on for the Christmas holidays.

The many friends of Mr. Edward McKeon, a popular young man of ward five, who has been confined to a local hospital for several weeks with illness, will be glad to learn that he has sufficiently recovered to be able to be around.

AGENT PEAD AT HOME.

Agent John W. Pead of the Merrimack Manufacturing company, and Mrs. Pead are home from Europe. They arrived in Boston Sunday night and Mr. Pead was at the mill today. They were passengers on the steamer Republic of the White Star line and experienced a very rough passage.

JUSTICE BROWN

MAY ESCAPE AFFLICTION OF BLINDNESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—The associates of Justice Henry B. Brown of the supreme court and his friends are gratified by the prospect that he may after all escape total blindness. Having lost the sight of one eye it was feared by expert oculists that he was about to lose the sight of the other, but a recent treatment has produced an improvement which, it is hoped, may end in saving a portion of the visual power of that eye, which will enable him, with caution, to continue its use.

His general health is very good and he is attending to his duties at home. He is even taking part in the consideration of the most important case before the court, the Northern Securities company appeal, and will take part in its decision by consultation with his associates. Before the arguments in that case began, Dec. 15, Chief Justice Fuller asked Atty. Gen. Knox and the chief counsel for the Northern Securities company whether they were willing to have Justice Brown, though absent, take part in the decision of the case, and they both agreed that he should do so. This was done in order that in a case of such unusual importance there should not be a failure to secure a satisfactory decision.

Even if the hope of saving the remainder of Justice Brown's sight should not be fulfilled, it is believed that he could continue to take part in the disposition of cases until he was eligible to retirement upon reaching the age of 70, two years from now.

FROST-BITTEN

CREW OF SCHOONER HAMLINE SUFFERED.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 28.—Iced up from waterline to masthead without sails and her crew badly frost-bitten the two-masted schooner L. L. Hamline, was towed into port by tug Hercules today. The craft was caught in the blizzard off Faulkners Island and drifted all day yesterday little better than a derelict. She left New London for this port Saturday.

HIS MEN STARVING

MAD MULLAH WANTS TO TREAT WITH ENGLAND.

ROME, Dec. 28—News has been received here that Capt. Bisio, commander of the Italian squadron in Somaliland, arrived in the flagship Cristoforo Colombo, at Obdia, from which point he sent emissaries to the interior, having been given to understand that the Mad Mullah was disposed to treat with Great Britain through the Italians.

The Mullah is believed to be in an almost desperate condition, owing to the lack of a good base of supplies.

There is, however, no belief in the good faith of the Mullah, as it is thought his alleged disposition to treat with Great Brit in through the Italian officers is merely a stratagem to gain time while waiting for supplies.

STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The stock market opened irregular. Amalgamated Copper 48¾, Atchison 67⅝, Baltimore & Ohio 78½, Brooklyn Transit 53½ and 53; Erie 29¾, do first pfd. 68⅝, Louisville 107⅝, Manhattan 144, Missouri Pacific 94¼, New York Central 119¼, Ontario & Western 22¾, Penna. 118½, Reading 46⅝, Rock Island 23½, Sugar 127¼, St. Paul 145⅝, Southern Pacific 47⅝, Southern Railway 20½, Union Pacific 78⅝, United States Steel 10⅞, do. pfd. 65¼, Wabash pfd. 37.

TIME EXTENDED.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 28—The Missouri authorities who demand the extradition of William Ziegler of New York on charges of bribery in connection with baking powder legislation, will have still another week in which to file briefs with Gov. Odell. Atty. Gen. Crow wrote the governor that they understood they were to have 15 days instead of one week additional. The governor consented and this extends the time till next week.

CAPT. WHITTIER MISSING.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 28 The police today sent out circulars in an effort to locate Capt. David F. Whittier, commander of Co. F of the Eighth regiment, and alderman-elect from ward 1. Capt. Whittier has not been seen nor heard from since Tuesday, Dec. 15, and his absence has occasioned alarm.

$250,000 IN GOLD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—The National City bank has engaged $250,000 gold in London for import to New York.

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Doctor Took Diphtheria From Patient

Dr. P. E. Sullivan, the hard-working ambulance surgeon, is ill at his home in Jefferson street with diphtheria, having caught the disease, it is believed, from a patient whom he attended.

Dr. Sullivan took sick on Christmas eve but was about his work up to yesterday when he was taken down with symptoms of diphtheria and a culture taken at that time this morning showed the existence of the germ.

Dr. J. E. Leary will take his place on the ambulance during his illness.

SCHOOL BOARD

WILL MEET AT CITY HALL THIS EVENING.

The school board will hold its December meeting tonight at City Hall.

ON THE WARPATH

SERI INDIANS ARE RAIDING RANCHES.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28—A dispatch from Hermosillo, Mex., says:

The Seri Indians, who occupy Tiburon island in the Gulf of California, have gone on the warpath and according to information received by the military authorities here the savages are raiding ranches and committing depredations on the mainland. The Seris are said to be cannibals and are known to be the fleetest runners in the world.

JUDGE JOHNSON

REFUSED TO APPOINT A RECEIVER FOR INVESTMENT CO.

MEDIA, Pa., Dec. 28.—Judge Johnson today refused the application of the Investment company of Philadelphia for the appointment of a receiver for the Tidewater Steel company of Chester. Judge Johnson said the statement of the officers of the Tidewater company showed the company to be solvent and he does not consider it wise to interfere.

ARMY SUPPLIES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28—Nearly a trainload of army supplies, hospital tents and blankets have arrived here under rush orders, having been expressed by the government from Omaha to the superintendent of the transport service in this city.

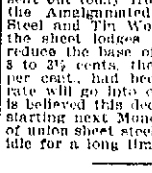
REDUCTION ACCEPTED.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 28—Notices were sent out today from the headquarters of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers that the vote of the sheet lodges on the proposition to reduce the base of the wage scale from 3 to 3½ cents, thereby cutting wages 10 per cent., had been accepted. The new rate will go into effect on Jan. 1, and it is believed this decision will result in the starting next Monday of a large number of union sheet steel plants that have been idle for a long time.

ASKS FOR RECEIVER.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 28.—Anna M. Harmed, of Philadelphia today filed a bill in the court of chancery asking for a receiver for the New England Ice Co. She charges mismanagement.

ITCHING SKIN



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GEORGE GARDNER

Ready to Tackle Jack Munroe

The Manchester Union today has the following:

George Gardner, of Lowell, Mass., formerly a Manchester boy, who on Thanksgiving eve stayed the limit with "Lanky" Bob Fitzsimmons, in their twenty-round bout at San Francisco, but was decided against him, came to Manchester yesterday to put on the finishing touches for his coming bout with Marvin Hart, which will be fought before the members of the Criterion Athletic club of Boston one week from tomorrow night.

Gardner will do his training at Point Breeze, Massabesic, and visited the training quarters late yesterday afternoon. His brothers, Billy and Jimmy and Charlie Hughey of Lowell, are here with him and will assist him in getting into proper form.

George never looked better in his life than he does today, and last evening stated to a reporter that he was feeling tip top. He says that he will begin work today, and expects to enter the ring with Hart in perfect condition. He will take no chances while training and is confident that he will come out victor in his clash with Hart, who today is considered one of the toughest propositions wearing the mits.

After meeting Hart, Gardner will tackle Jack Monroe, the old Butte City miner, who had the distinction of putting Champion James J. Jeffries to the floor, and who is now endeavoring to get on a match with Jeffries.

"If I put both of those fellows away I will be given another chance at Fitzsimmons," said Gardner, "and I am going to whip both of them to a standstill."

Concerning his bout with Fitzsimmons, Gardner says that he wants nothing better than another go with the Cornishman, and then will show the public the kind of stuff he is made off. I can beat Fitzsimmons and will do it when we come together again," said the big fighter.

"Have you any excuse to offer for your defeat by Fitzsimmons?"

"Well, all I have got to say for myself is that I was overtrained when I entered the ring," answered Gardner. "Three weeks of training was too much for me and spoiled my chances of winning. Then, again, I was too confident. This helped Fitz win out about as much as anything."

Gardner's bout with Hart will be awaited with interest by sporting people all over the country, and especially by his army of admirers in this city and Lowell. His career in the ring has been without a blemish, never having "faked" a fight.

His rise to fame in the fistic world has been meteoric. Only a few years ago he was hardly known outside of this city, where he trimmed all comers. Gardner removed to Lowell with his family in 1898, and it was shortly after that that he gained a wide reputation as a clean, fast, hard hitting pugilist. It was not long before he attracted the attention of Tom O'Rourke and was under his management for a time. Owen Kenney (second) of this city took George across the ocean with him a little after he took up Lowell as his place of residence, and there he put down and out a few of the wise ones.

One of his best bouts was with Jack Root, the Chicago terror. He knocked him out squarely and then gave Root a chance to regain his lost laurels, but the latter was unable to withstand the sledgehammer blows of the Lowell boy and went down to defeat a second time. Gardner is only 24 years of age.

FISHERMEN SAFE

THEY WERE LOST ON THE FISHING GROUNDS.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 28—Four men from the fishing schooner Appomattox, who were lost on the fishing grounds during the gale Saturday afternoon, arrived here today on the schooner Ralph Russell. They were picked up by the Russell while battling with the terrible seas and icy wind in the little dories on the Banks.

The two other men of the Appomattox crew who were hauling trawls when the storm broke Saturday and who were reported as missing when the schooner came in had landed safely during Saturday night.

KILLED HIS MAN

VAN HOUTEN FIRST ASKED WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28—After failing to induce the district attorney to issue a warrant for the arrest of the man whom he alleged had alienated his wife's affections, David Van Houten, a farmer, went to a saloon and without warning killed Albert Young, one of the proprietors. Van Houten escaped.

DEATHS

LAMBERT—Marie Rose Lambert, infant daughter of Eugene and Alvina, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her parents, 48 Winter street.

FITZGERALD—Winthrop F., son of Charles H. Fitzgerald, died Saturday at the residence of John L. Moore in North Tewksbury. The deceased was 16 years of age.

CLARK—Mrs. Sarah E. Clark, well known in this city, died Saturday at Indiana, Pa. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Horace E. Carmault, of this city, formerly a well-known teacher, and one son, Frank S. Clark of Walpole, formerly of this city. The remains will be brought to Lowell today.

DREW—Sarah Drew, aged 79 years, and 8 months, died last night at her home in Westford. She was the widow of the late Greenleaf Drew, and is survived by one son, Frank of Westford.

GILL—Henri Gill, aged 42 years, died suddenly yesterday morning at his home, 545 Moody street. The deceased was well known in this city, having been a resident for the past 20 years. He was employed in the spinning room of the Tremont and Suffolk mills and was a popular member of Court Garin, F. of A.

He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and a son, George.

DUMAINE—Henri Dumaine, aged 21 years, died yesterday morning at his late home, 578 Suffolk street. The deceased was found dead in bed by his sister when the latter went to call him in the morning. He is survived by a mother, Mrs. Alphonsine Dumaine and three sisters, Mrs. Delia Benoit of Manchester, Mrs. Clara Depatie of Fall River and Miss Amelie Dumaine of this city and one brother Louis of Fall River.

ROWEN—Estella M. Rowen, aged 1 year and 1 month, child of James and Ida, died last night at the home of her parents, 6 Beharrie's avenue, off Coburn street.

The funeral took place this afternoon and the interment was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertaker Thomas J. McDermott.

WAGES REDUCED.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 28—The reduction of wages at the Trenton plant of the American Bridge company which was announced sometime ago, went into effect today. The one per cent. reduction is in the cases of men who receive less than $1.50 a day. Those who receive above that amount have been reduced from 10 to 20 per cent. The men have submitted to the new scale. Seven hundred employes are affected.

IN POLICE COURT

Carpet Stretcher Was Charged With Larceny

HE WAS FOUND GUILTY AND FINED

Many Old Timers In Court Today

Did John Bigas tamper with an Egyptian pocketbook and steal $10 belonging to James Stewart McGreggor, proprietor of the Quincy house in Lee street?

Judge Hadley struggled patiently with this question in police court today. Bigas was engaged in laying carpets in a parlor at the Quincy house and it was up to the court to find out if Bigas had had exclusive opportunity. The picketbook was in the parlor, on a bureau, when Mrs. McGreggor found it the money was gone and the wallet was in a bureau drawer.

From the preponderance of evidence submitted the court finally satisfied himself that Mr. Bigas was alone in the parlor for about three minutes between 3.30 and 4 o'clock and in view of this fact the defendant was found guilty and a fine of $20 was imposed.

A STUBBORN CHILD.

Ovid Lemars, 15, charged with being a stubborn child, was continued to next Friday. Ovid was arrested by Officer Lamoreaux in Little Canada, Saturday evening. The boy lives in Ward street and his parents declare that he is very stubborn.

PLACED ON PROBATION.

Annie Chadwick, the woman that was arrested in company with her seven-year-old son in Merrimack street, both drunk, a few evenings ago, appeared in court today and was placed on probation for six months after the suspension of a jail sentence.

Her husband told Judge Hadley that he would like to have his wife at home, and he told the court that he would look after her. To the probationary term extended to Mrs. Chadwick a warning was subjoined by the court.

SLAPPED HER SISTER.

Because Vulata Silva wouldn't board with her sister, Candita Silva, the latter turned upon her in the street, slapped her in the face and choked her. The case came up in police court today and Candita pleaded not guilty of assault and battery. The court, however, was satisfied that an assault had been committer and Candita was ordered to pay a fine of $6.

KEEPING LIQUOR.

Cornelius Mahoney, charged with illegally keeping liquor had his case continued to December 31.

FOR DRUNKENNESS.

George Boisvert, 17, Massachusetts reformatory: James Roberts and Frank E. Thorpe were fined $6 each; James Dannahy, state farm; Richard Holleran was fined $5; seven first offenders were fined $2 each and six were released.

CASE CONTINUED.

John H. Flynn, charged with drunkenness and larceny, pleaded not guilty and his case was continued to Thursday morning.

TWO TURKEYS.

Louis Crapeau, alias Whipple, charged with the larceny of two turkeys asked for and received a continuance to Wednesday morning. He was ordered to recognize in the sum of $300.

ADMIRAL GLASS

IS DIRECTING THE REMOVAL OF MARINES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—It was stated at the navy department today that the removal of the marines from the Prairie, from Yaviza to Las Obishos, a point on the Panama railroad, as told in a press despatch from Colon, is but a movement directed by Admiral Glass in the execution of a general policy and was not directed from Washington. It is stated further that the move is without significance as suggesting any change of policy here. Two despatches received from the Isthmus advise the navy department that there is "no news" to report. It is understood that a party of twenty marines has been retained at Yaviza for purposes of observation.

KING CHRISTIAN ILL.

GMUNDEN, Austria, Dec. 28—The condition of King Christian of Denmark is officially said to give no cause for anxiety. His majesty has been obliged to postpone for several days his departure for home in consequence of a chill.

HER SON KIDNAPPED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Mrs. Charles C. Hendricks, wife of the physician who figured with Laura Biggar, the actress, in the contest of the will of Henry Bennett, reported to the police today that her six-year-old son had been kidnapped from in front of her home in Brooklyn. A general alarm was sent out.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

A NOVEL SCHEME

Tenement Dwellers to Operate Mills

SKILLED WORKERS ENGAGED TO TRAIN THEM

Model Villages Will be Established

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—A plan to operate a chain of cotton mills in North Carolina by tenement dwellers of this city, taken there and trained by a few skilled workers, is being evolved by men here interested in the cotton business. If their scheme is carried out it will result in the establishment of a self-sustaining charity which will take hundreds of women and children from the dirty, overcrowded slums of the city into a healthy country life, with cottages and schools.

Work on the first mill at Marshall, near the Biltmore estate, is to begin in a week or two and a mill of 15,000 spindles is expected to be ready early in July. It is planned to establish on the nearby hills a model village of five-room cottages which may be purchased at the rate of $1 a month. A company store selling all the necessities at an increase of five per cent. over cost, together with schools and churches, will be established.

COUNT TOLSTOI

GLAD TO HEAR BRYAN IS NOT A SOCIALIST.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 28—William J. Bryan arrived here today from Berlin and visited the foreign minister. Mr. Bryan is enjoying his tour. He said he found Count Tolstoi looking well though very aged. Tolstoi's first question was: "Are you a socialist?"

When assured to the contrary, the count said:

"I am very glad to hear it. I am not a socialist myself."

SHEEPMEN KILLED

FEUD BETWEEN CATTLEMEN AND SHEEPMEN.

GLOBE, Ari., Dec. 28—Two sheepmen near the Gisela settlement have been killed as a result of a feud between cattlemen and sheepmen. The victims were a young man named Berry and a Mexican. The crime occurred at Brush Hollow in the Tonto basin, the scene of the famous feud. Two suspects are under arrest.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION MEETING.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28—The annual meeting of the American baseball association began here today. The circuit will remain the same as last year, with clubs at Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Columbus, Louisville, Kansas City, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Toledo.

GREAT ICE BRIDGE.

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 28—Many persons made a trip today over the ice bridge that extends across the Hudson river here. For the first time this season the river became frozen over yesterday. The ice is six inches thick.

IRON-OX
Tablets
For the Bowels.
Not purgative nor cathartic, but gently laxative and tonic. For sale by druggists 25 cents.

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—IN—
Furniture
We have no time to quote prices; call and see for yourself.
CARPETS, RUGS, MIRRORS, SIDEBOARDS, OIL STOVES, RANGES, PARLOR STOVES, PICTURES, SPRING BEDS, MATTRESSES, COMFORTERS, ETC.
Loss falls on all the above goods with a heavy thud. We are the champions at cutting prices. Our store is the poor man's paradise.
Remember the place.
JOHN CARTER Proprietor
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C. F. HOISINGTON & SON
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STOVES AND FURNACES
Tin, sheet iron and metal workers. General jobbing a specialty.
All Work Guaranteed.
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THE EAGLE CREDIT HOUSE
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This advertisement is good for $1.00 on first purchase of $10.00 or more.
CASH OR CREDIT.

WOOD
6 two-bushel baskets fine Bobbin Wood $1.00
6 two-bushel baskets, Country Bobbin Wood $1.00
5 two-bushel baskets Coarse Bobbin Wood $1.00
5 two-bushel baskets Cord Wood $1.00
IMMEDIATE DELIVERY.
LOWELL COAL CO.
43 CENTRAL STREET, 15 THORNDIKE STREET.

NIGHT EDITION

6 O'CLOCK

BOSTON BURGLARS

Not Among the Gang of Vagrants

BOSTON, Dec. 28—None of the East Boston burglar gang which dynamited the safe at the office of the Metropolitan Coal Co. a fortnight ago, was identified today as being among the 59 men arrested as vagrants yesterday morning in the second big raid in the lodging house districts in the South and West ends. There was a grand review of the men in custody at police headquarters when two score inspectors and patrolmen scanned closely the face of each prisoner. Many were recognized as men with criminal records, but the East Boston burglars were not there. It was arranged that many of the men, who had never been seen before by the police, would be released on the promise that they would leave the city and that others would be charged in court with being vagrants.

ANNUAL MEETING

OF SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 28—The fifty third annual meeting of the American Association for the advancement of science began here today with between 700 and 1000 members present, comprising some of the most notable men in the country. The convention will remain in session during the entire week. Today's session consisted almost entirely of addresses of welcome and responses. Dr. Ira Remsen, retiring president of the general association called the meeting to order and in a few remarks introduced his successor, Carroll D. Wright. David R. Francis, honorary president of the local committee on arrangements, followed the installation of the new president, with an address of welcome. Cyrus P. Walbridge, former mayor and president of the business men's league, also welcomed the delegates. President Wright responded in behalf of the association.

After announcement of the different secretaries, the nine sections held separate meetings to effect permanent organization. This was followed by addresses by the vice-presidents of the different sections before the main body.

COUNTERFEITERS' CASE

HAS BEEN AGAIN CONTINUED.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The case of Fred B. Wilson and Edward B. Wiggin, who are charged with passing counterfeit banknotes at Manchester, N. H., and other places came up in continuance before U. S. Commissioner Hale today but action was again postponed, this time until Jan. 9. According to the federal authorities, Wilson has promised to turn states evidence in the case.

SENTENCED TO DIE

BURNESS WILL GO TO ELECTRIC CHAIR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Frank H. Burness, convicted of murder in the first degree for having on Nov. 10 last deliberately shot and killed Capt. George B. Townsend in the cabin of his schooner, Charles K. Buckley, because the latter refused to pay him money the former alleged to be due him, was today sentenced by Judge Crane in Brooklyn to die in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison during the week beginning Feb. 8.

APPOINTMENT MADE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—F. B. Emerson was appointed postmaster at South Asworth, N. H., today.

TOBIN INSANE.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Thomas Tobin, who murdered Captain Craft in a Tenderloin resort in New York City a year ago, is insane. This report was sent to Governor Odell today by the expert commission appointed to examine him. They say he is insane now and was insane when he committed the murder. The governor will probably commute his sentence.

WAGES CUT DOWN.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 28—The employes of the Union Railroad Co., with the exception of the trainmen, have been notified of a ten per cent. reduction in wages, to take place on January 1. The Union railroad is connected with the Carnegie Steel Corporation and is a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation.

BARON GEVERS CHOSEN.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 28—Baron Gevers, the minister of The Netherlands at Washington, has been selected to succeed Dr. Westernberg, deceased, the former Netherlands minister at Rome.

GALLAGO MILLS BURNED.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 28—An authoritative statement of the loss of the big Gallago mills burned Sunday morning was given out today. It is put at $,30,000, fully covered by insurance.

This Shield on the Box

WELSBACH QUALITY

There's not enough difference in price to justify you buying imitations. Five kinds of Welsbach mantles —15, 20, 25, 30, 35c.

All Dealers.

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SECRETARY HAY

Has Not Replied to Reyes' Note

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—Although Secretary Hay has not yet replied to the note of Gen. Reyes, preparations are rapidly going on for the closing of the Colombian legation here and the departure of Colombia's representative for home. It is clear that they do not entertain very much hope of a satisfactory response by this government. Already most of the legation files have been packed and arrangements completed for placing them in storage here. Gen. Reyes for several days has denied himself to callers.

It is believed here that while the reply of Mr. Hay has not been made, sufficient information has been obtained by the Colombian representatives in the interviews that they have had with the secretary to enable them to forecast its conclusions. The preparations going on for closing up the affairs of the legation would seem to indicate that Gen. Reyes and Dr. Herran are awaiting only as a matter of form and diplomatic courtesy the official communication of Mr. Hay, setting forth the reasons why this government cannot accept their view of the Panama situation, before severing diplomatic relations with the United States.

WEALTHY LAWYER

LEFT BEQUESTS TO HIS HOUSEKEEPER.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 28.—Liberal bequests were made to his housekeeper and her relatives by Francis Baring Peckham, a wealthy lawyer of this city whose will was filed for probate today. The estate is valued at $250,000. To Mary C. Mahoney, Mr. Peckham's housekeeper, is left the sum of $10,000 and to her sister, a Mrs. Corcoran, $5000 is given. The sum of $30,000 is left in trust for the benefit of Edward J. Corcoran, the six-year-old nephew of the testator's housekeeper. Out of this sum the boy is to be given the most liberal education obtainable, and when he reaches the age of 25 the remaining portion of the trust is to be given him outright. Should he die, the bequest goes to Mrs. Corcoran and Mary Mahoney.

Mr. Peckham was greatly attached to the lad and took him almost everywhere he went. The house here is left to the housekeeper and Mrs. Corcoran for their use, but at their death it is to go to the Corcoran boy. After making minor bequests to relatives of a deceased wife, the remainder of the estate is bequeathed to Orville Peckham of Chicago, a brother, and to Mary E. and Etta Peckham of Providence, sisters.

GREEK PLAY

PRESENTED AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

The distinguished Greek actor from the Royal theatre in Athens, Dionysius Tavoulares with his company of players entertained an audience that taxed the capacity of the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Travoulares assumed the role of Pygmalion, who is a king of Cyprus in the play. The part of Galatea was held by Maria Patroklou, who made such an admirable statue in the first act that one wondered how she could show such liveliness of temperament in the scenes that followed. A younger actor, Nicolaus Pantelakis, made an excellent Rhemos, a younger brother Pygmalion. All the roles were ably sustained and the characters were well costumed.

GREAT BUSINESS

DONE IN NEW ORLEANS COTTON MARKET.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 28—An immense volume of business was done in the cotton market today with the prices from 28 to 57 points higher than the close of Thursday. Profit taking was enormous, but had little effect on prices. The demand from all quarters was strong and the market bulled itself. Little or no support was offered by the prominent longs, and in a measure they checked the advance.

"JERSEY LILY"

WILL GET GREAT RECEPTION FROM COWBOYS.

LANGTRY, Tex., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Langtry's manager, H. S. Alvard, who was here today has made arrangements for a reception which the "Jersey Lily" will give to the principal citizens of Langtry, when she passes through here on her way to California next week.

It has been nearly 20 years since the actress visited Langtry, which town was named for her in the early eighties. The new "Sunset Limited," on the Southern Pacific, will be held half an hour, and among these invited to meet Mrs Langtry are Justice of the Peace Torres, Postmaster Fielder, W. D. Dodd, a prominent merchant, and Sam Bean, owner of the Jersey Lily saloon. The latter is the son of the late Judge Roy Bean. "The law west of the Pecos," as he was called. It was Judge Bean who wrote to the actress some years ago when she volunteered to give a drinking fountain to the town, that "the only thing the people of Langtry did not drink was water."

As there are no newspapers here, cowboy couriers have started to round up the leading men of the county, and the day will be made a general holiday.

"NO CHURCH" SIGNAL.

SPENCER, Dec. 28.—The first "No church" signal in Massachusetts, so far as known, has been adopted by the Spencer Congregational Church and is to be used on very stormy Sundays to notify parishioners that there will be no service.

MONEY MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Noon, Money on call nominally at 3½ @ 4½ per cent. prime mercantile paper 5½ @ 6 per cent.

Exchanges $111,671,875; balances $9,527,864.

McNAMEE DEAD

He Feared That Negroes Would Kill Him

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 28—Pursued by a fear of 21 years that death awaited him at the hands of a negro, Frank McNamee, who was at the head of the syndicate that stole more than 60 negro bodies from the Lebanon cemetery in this city, has been found unconscious at Fifth and Walnut streets with his skull fractured. He died a few hours later.

Owing to the fact that McNamee is supposed to have aroused the deep enmity of negro lot holders who lost relatives in Lebanon cemetery, the police are investigating, but thus far have found no trace of his slayer.

McNamee was arrested for the grave robberies at the Lebanon cemetery and sent to prison for two years. When he left the prison he was followed by negroes bent on killing him. For years he lived in a state of constant terror and regretted ever having left prison.

BURNED TO GROUND

THE BENNETT MANSION COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—The Bennett mansion in the southern portion of Brooklyn was burned to the ground today. Charles Bennett has asked the Fort Hamilton police to investigate the cause of the fire.

The mansion was one of the largest and most costly buildings overlooking the Narrows. Charles A. Moss, a banker, vacated it Dec. 1, and since then the house has been unoccupied. While the firemen were thawing out the fire hydrants the building burned to the foundation stones. The damage to the house and furnishings is $25,000.

MILLS RUNNING

UNION MEN ARE AT WORK TODAY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The Bloom and Open Hearth mills of the International and Steel Co., at Indian Harbor, were running with union men today for the first time in nearly two months. The 900 members of the amalgamated iron, tin and steel workers, who struck because of a decrease in wages, and were debarred from work because of their membership in the union, finally reached an agreeable compromise with the company. About 400 were put back to work today and the remainder expect to be at their old stations tomorrow. The slab mill was not ready when the time came for resuming operations and the reinstatement of a majority of the men was delayed on that account. The workmen go back at a reduction of ten per cent.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

WILL HOLD THEIR MEETING WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The cemetery trustees will meet at City Hall Wednesday evening with John L. Stevens holding over as a member.

DUMMER STREET

WILL COME UP AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Both branches of the city council will meet at City Hall tomorrow evening. The Dummer street extension loan is among the matters to come up at the meeting.

WORK RESUMED

AT THE DELAWARE & HUDSON COLLIERIES TODAY.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 28.—Work was resumed at all the Delaware & Hudson company's collieries today and will be continued until Friday, when there will be a two days' suspension. The Ontario & Western company started up its washeries today and all of the individual operators resumed mining.

DIFFICULT WORK

TO GET MERCHANDISE ON BOARD THE KIOWA.

BOSTON, Dec. 28—The Boston Towboat Co.'s tug Confidence went down the harbor today to make arrangements for the recovery of the cargo of the sunken steamship Kiowa, which was in collision Saturday with the United Fruit Co.'s steamer Admiral Dewey. Later another tug, towing the lighter Salver, went out to Boston Light, off which the Kiowa lies. The work of reaching the merchandise on board the Kiowa was found to be exceedingly difficult for the steamer is covered by water to the depth of 11 feet at low tide. During the day a diver went down to the main deck of the steamer. His investigaton showed that it will be a great task to raise her.

CHOIR ON STRIKE

PASTOR FORBADE CANDY EATING DURING SERVICE.

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 28—Melville church, the leading Presbyterian place of worship in Westmount, the fashionable residential suburb of Montreal, was without the services of a choir yesterday. In his sermon on Christmas morning the Rev. T. W. Winfield, pastor of the church, severely criticised members of the choir for eating candy during the progress of that portion of the service in which they do not play a leading part. As a result of the criticism a deputation from the choir waited upon the reverend gentleman Saturday and requested a retraction. This he refused to make, and as a result the entire choir went on strike.

TALKED ABOUT CONVENTION.

At a meeting of the Textile council Sunday afternoon, Mr. John Barret of the Stationary Firemen's union, talked interestingly on the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor.

EXCHANGES AND BALANCES.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Exchanges, $14,418,353; balances, $910,641.

PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 28.—E. L. Goodnow of Westfield, manager during the last years of its existence of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co., pleaded not guilty in the criminal court today to an indictment alleging the embezzlement of $8500 from the company. The case was continued until the May sitting for trial.

MARINES SAILED

On Their Way to Colon

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., The auxiliary cruiser Dixie sailed from the League Island navy yard en route for Colon, carrying 600 marines and five months living and fighting supplies for 1000 men. Six companies of marines divided into two battalions, sailed on the Dixie.

Company A, is composed of men from Boston; Company B, Washington; Company C, Annapolis; Company D, Philadelphia and Companies E and F, Brooklyn.

STRONG PROTEST

AGAINST DEPORTATION OF JOHN TURNER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—A resolution has been adopted by the Central Federated union to call a mass meeting for the purpose of protesting against the deportation of John Turner, an English anarchist who is now held at Ellis Island.

All central labor unions in the country are to be appealed to for support in the matter and will be asked to aid in an effort to secure the repeal of the law under which Turner is being held up by the immigration officials. Delegates who addressed the meeting declared that the law in its present form has the opposite effect of that desired.

FATALLY WOUNDED

CONDUCTOR SHOT BY STRANGE MAN.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28—Joseph Dries, 50 years old, conductor on an "Owl" car, was shot and probably fatally wounded today by a stranger. The men had quarrelled over the issuance of transfers. The stranger escaped.

BOSTON IMPORTERS

PROTEST AGAINST DISCONTINUANCE OF RELEASE BOND.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The meeting of the Importers of Boston at the chamber of commerce today to protest against the discontinuance of the so-called "release bond" was looked forward to with unusual interest because Secretary of the Treasury Shaw has promised to be in Boston tomorrow in connection with the same subject. By the use of the "release bond" the importers have been able to obtain their goods on arrival without waiting for the total appraisement. It has been a great convenience. Its abrogation by order of the treasury department has already been characterized by the directors of the chamber of commerce as a hardship altogether unnecessary.

MATRIMONIAL

The marriage of William Boissoneault and Miss Aurore Leblanc took place yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory. Rev. Fr. Graton, O. M. I., performed the ceremony. Mr. Adelard Leblanc was best man and Miss Laura Dion was bridesmaid.

PAQUIN—COURTEAU.

Mr. Arthur Paquin and Miss Fabiola Courteau were married yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory, Rev. Fr. Lamothe, O. M. I., being the officiating clergyman. Messrs. Octave Courteau and Treffle Paquin attended the contracting parties.

MERCIER—BEAULIEU.

Yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory Mr. Camille Mercier of Boston and Miss Georgia Beaulieu were married, Rev. Fr. Audibert, O. M. I., performing the nuptial rites. The groomsman was Mr. Orestes Landry and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Graziella Beaulieu.

DELISLE—LEPAGE.

The marriage of Mr. Cyprien Delisle and Miss Edwisde Lepage was solemnized yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's rectory, Rev. Fr. Audibert O. M. I. performing the ceremony. The witnesses were Messrs. Francis Fontaine and Antoine Delisle.

LAJEUNESSE—BARBER.

Mr. Olympe LeJeunesse and Miss Sarah Barber were married yesterday afternoon the witnesses to the ceremony being Messrs. Wilfred Lajoie and Maxime Lafortune. Rev. Fr. Campeau, O. M. I., gave the nuptial benediction.

STEWART—HOYT.

Orrin H. Stewart and Elizabeth A. Hoyt of New Brunswick were married at the home of the bridegroom in Maynard, Mass., Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. W. A. Morang of this city.

SMITH—HOSMAN.

George H. Smith and Miss Winnie J. Hosman, both of this city, were united in marriage Dec. 27, by Rev. J. F. Allen.

SOLDIER'S BODY

WILL BE SENT TO THIS CITY FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

It is expected that the body of Private Charles McCaffrey of this city, who died in the Philippines, will arrive in this city during the latter part of this or the first of next week. Mrs. Sarah McCaffrey of 51 Bartlett street received a telegram from the military authorities at San Francisco yesterday stating that the body of her son would soon be here.

The deceased was a member of the marine service and died on the islands a year ago last September. Bodies are tombed for a year after death and then sent to the United States.

HOSPITAL CROWDED

PNEUMONIA IS PREVALENT IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28—With pneumonia and a new death record in Chicago and the county hospital so crowded that patients are sleeping on mattresses on the floor and less serious cases being turned away, a serious problem confronts the Chicago health authorities.

The many varieties of weather from which the city has suffered during the last few weeks is blamed not only for the many pneumonia deaths but for the crowding of the hospitals in another way. Within the last few days an unusual number of persons, injured by falls on icy sidewalks has been taken to the county institution and though a new emergency ward has been opened all cannot be cared for properly.

Last week's alarming increase in deaths from pneumonia is made the subject of the latest health bulletin. During the seven days ending Saturday, pneumonia claimed 139 victims in Chicago, or 27 per cent. of the total mortality.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28, Cotton futures opened strong. Dec. 13.55, Jan. 13.62; March 13.80 to 14.00; April 14.08; May 14.20; June 14.06; July 14.11; Aug. 13.76.

NARROW ESCAPE

From Asphyxiation by Goddu Family

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goddu and their 13-year-old son, residing at 7 Clark street, narrowly escaped asphyxiation by coal gas at their home Friday night. Before retiring they filled the sitting room stove with coal and evidently forgot to open the chimney draft. During the night an explosion occurred, which blew out the stovepipe cap in the parlor wall and the escaping coal gas poured through the aperture, soon filling all the rooms down stairs.

When Mr. Goddu attempted to arise Saturday morning he fell unconscious to the floor. His wife, though conscious of his condition, found herself unable to get out of bed. Mr. Goddu recovered in a few minutes, and dragging himself to the window threw it open, allowing the gas to escape. The little son was also found to be in a bad way, but the fresh air soon revived all and they recovered as the day grew, though not without suffering from headaches and dizziness.

Two other members of the family who slept upstairs escaped the effects of the gas.

OUTPUT OF SHOES

HAVERHILL FELL OFF IN THIS INDUSTRY.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 28.—The output of shoes for the current year in this city was less than last year, the total number of cases being 444,356, as against 449,226 last year, a difference of 4870 cases. Manufacturers, however, refuse to admit that the city is losing as a shoe centre, but point to many reasons for the difference in the yearly outputs. In the J. H. Winchell & Co. factory alone the difference in total output can be accounted for. This factory was closed for a month during the summer, something unprecedented in the history of the factory, and the firm claims that over 5000 cases were lost for this season. The labor troubles early in the year also badly crippled several local factories. Last year there was a good run of business the entire year and no labor troubles to interfere with the work in the factories. It is estimated that the average case in this city contains 40 pairs, and this would make a total of 17,794,240 pairs made in this city last year. Manufacturers estimate that the amount of business this year is close to $46,000,000.

HAYES' JOKE

SAYS HE AND ADAMS ARE ONLY REAL LABOR MEN.

A little party of statesmen and politicians were discussing labor matters and labor men at city hall this morning when Councilman James Hayes, who for the past week or so has been out of work, spoke up and said: "Talk about labor men, Cecil Adams and I are the only two real labor men in the city council. We've reduced our hours of labor from nine hours a day to none at all."

"FAKE" INAUGURAL

MAYOR HOWE'S REAL INAUGURAL ISN'T FINISHED.

Mayor Howe laughed heartily this morning when informed that a local paper had already published what purported to be a portion of his inaugural address.

Said His Honor: "I wish conditions were such that the inaugural address could be finished a week ahead. Under the charter the fiscal year closes with the calendar year and hence all facts and figures are not available until the last moment."

The "inaugural" was a fake, pure and simple.

REV. JOSEPH ALGUE S. J. HERE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28.—Rev. Joseph Algue, S. J., director of the Manila observatory and an attache of the United States weather bureau has just arrived here on the steamer Siberia on his way to St. Louis, in charge of the scientific portion of the Philippine exhibition at the exposition. He is accompanied by Roman Trinidad, a Filipino assistant and August Fuster, an artist.

VICE CONSUL ARRIVES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28—John McLean, vice consul of the United States at Yokohama, has arrived here on his way to Washington on official business. He expects to return to his duties in Japan during the latter part of March.

DISTILLERY BURNED.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 28 The elevator of the Corning Distillery was entirely destroyed by fire today.

CHESS TOURNAMENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—In the twelfth annual intercollegiate chess tournament which will be held here this week, the opponents this afternoon will be Columbia against Harvard and Yale against Princeton. Teams of four men each from these colleges are entered, the drawing of opponents for today resulting as follows:

G. W. Tucker, Columbia vs. P. W. Bridgman, Harvard; L. P. Carr, (C) vs. K. Schroeder, (C); F. Marshall (C); vs. O. A. Brackett (H); G. T. McClure, (H), vs. J. Telchinske (C); L. M. Schoonmaker, (Princeton), vs. E. B. Adams, (Yale); A. Sandiford, (Y), vs. T. C. Mowry, (P); W. M. Mand, (P), vs. E. B. Hall, (Y); Fred H. Palmer, (Y), vs. P. M. Brasher, (P).

In the second round to be contested tomorrow Columbia will meet Yale and Harvard Princeton, while on Wednesday Columbia will match with Princeton and Harvard with Yale.

THE POPE'S CHOICE.

ROME, Dec. 28.—The pope has issued of his own accord a note on the subject of sacred music in churches in which he recommends the Gregorian chant.

Father Said "Hurrah!"

In a letter from Miss Annie C. Roberts of W. Southport, Me., whose father had taken one bottle of Uricene, the new Rheumatic Cure, she writes: "Father says 'Hurrah,' he feels better. He gets up out of his chair without help and goes out of doors, walking about quite a little. We are certain that Uricene is driving the rheumatism out of his system."

Uricene is sold and guaranteed by Fells & Burkinshaw, A. W. Dows & Co., Carter & Sherburne, R. J. Lang & Co., Rochette & Delisle, Ellingwood & Co., Goodale's drug store, F. H. Butler & Co., and the Lowell Pharmacy, and money will be refunded if a fair trial fails to cure Rheumatism. In tablet form only. Price 50c.

THE WOODBURY MEDICAL CO., BOSTON.

SPECIAL NOTICES

NOTICE—There will be a special meeting of the Young Men's Catholic Institute this evening to take action on the death of our late brother, John Casey. All members are requested to be present.

Per order,
JAMES B. BURNS, Pres.
WM. CLARK, Sec.

THE FOLLOWING SAYS: That you can get a Doll Carriage, a Go-Cart or a handsome Doll with a pound of Tea or a two pounds of Coffee at Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The two o'clock and five o'clock editions of The Sun are on sale every day at both news-stands in the Union station, Boston.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Girl to do general housework. 161 Market street.

WANTED—A housegirl. Mrs. Ames, 169 Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

WANTED—Strictly first-class upholsterer at once; none others need apply. Reynold's, 27 Palmer street.

WANTED—An experienced kitchen girl; no washing. 79 Appleton street.

WANTED—A Protestant woman for general housework in family of two. Call 50 Westford street.

WANTED—Kitchen girl. 92 John St.

WANTED—At once, general housework girl; none but experienced girl need apply. 261 Third street.

WANTED—Knitter who thoroughly understands Scott & Williams and Mayo full automatic hosiery machines; must also understand loopers and ribbers; state age, experience and salary expected; position out of town; all applications treated confidentially. Address "Knitter," Sun office.

YOUNG MEN, also ladies, wanted, understand some cooking, waiting on trade; first lunch room. Reynolds', Palmer St.

WANTED—Smart woman, understands cooking, also waiting on trade; fine lunch room. Apply after 10 a. m. Reynold's, Palmer street.

WANTED—A scrub woman. Apply at Merrimack house.

RULER WANTED—A steady, reliable, first class paper ruler can have a life position in a Massachusetts coast city. Bank and corporation work. Man with family preferred. Address box 45, Lowell Sun office.

WANTED—A first class collector; state experience, age and salary expected. Address box 20, Sun office.

WANTED—Table girl at Mrs. Coughlin's, 712 Suffolk street.

WANTED

YOUNG LADIES to learn the fastest system of shorthand in 20 lessons; absolutely most complete and up-to-date methods; position guaranteed; lessons by mail exclusively; no interference with regular occupation; 26 cents per lesson; no difficulties; everything simple and clear; indorsed by boards of education and leading newspapers; thousands of graduates; first lesson free for stamps. Department 35 A, Campaign of Education, 211 Townsend bldg, New York.

YOUNG MEN to learn the fastest system of shorthand in 20 lessons; absolutely most complete and up-to-date methods; position guaranteed; lessons by mail exclusively; no interference with regular occupation; 25 cents per lesson; no difficulties; everything simple and clear; indorsed by board of education and leading newspapers; thousands of graduates; first lesson free for stamps. Department 34 A, Campaign of Education, 211 Townsend bldg, New York.

WANTED—Job printing outfit; price must be cheap. Address W. A. B., Sun office.

A. O. H. W.—This is important; send your name, age and address to P. O. box 465, Lowell, Mass.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Light-colored terrier dog wearing collar with no name; any information leading to recovery will be rewarded. Thos. M. Davis, 20 Nelson street.

LOST—Lady's fur boa at Lowell Junction Sunday at 6.15 p. m. Reward at 33 Phillips street. Tel. 962-3.

LOST—Lady's lace boa between Middle and Central streets Saturday. Return to 392 Central street.

LOST—Somewhere between Race and Lee streets, a wrist bag with pocketbook inside containing $6 in bills. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at 35 Race street.

LOST—Blue beaded purse Thursday between 11 and 12 a. m. Reward at 90 Walker street.

FOUND—On Tewksbury road, a Boston bag containing a pocketbook with small sum of money. Owner can have by calling on C. G. Spaulding, East Billerica.

LOST—A sum of money Sunday between Chestnut street and St. Anne's church. Return to this office and receive reward.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Cheap, on easy terms, the homestead of the late Samuel Greenwood, corner of Hale and Railroad streets, containing 850 feet of land; well built cottage house in the best of repair; furnace heat, large barn and carriage house; room to put up a large block which would rent at a good profit; also an eight-room cottage house corner of Fay and Potter streets. Inquire at Greenwood Bros., china store, 241 Central street.

MONEY TO LOAN

PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A. Stein, 343 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office, (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants and salaried people; easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters, boarding houses, without security; easy payments; largest business in 42 principal cities. Tolman, Room 26, Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinkas, room 9, Barristers hall.

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GREAT opportunity offered, $100 for $150, $50 for $75. For particulars write American Oil & Coal Co., Seattle, Wash.

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Monthly Regulator has brought happiness to hundreds of anxious women. Longest and most obstinate irregularities from any cause relieved at once. No risk or failure. No pain, danger, or interference with work. Success guaranteed at any stage. Mail, $2.00. Particulars and confidential advice free. All letters truthfully answered. Money letters should be registered. Address, DR. J. W. EMMONS CO., 170 Tremont St., Boston.

FOR SALE

SLEIGH FOR SALE—A second-hand driving sleigh, cheap. Inquire at Goyette's paint shop, 286 Thorndike street.

CANARY BIRDS for sale. Norwich and German, at 417 Dutton street.

FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $300, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—Wood in large or small lots at the lowest possible prices. P. Cogger, 458 Riverside street. Telephone 452-2.

PUPS for sale at Mr. Lynch's, next house to Foster school, Tewksbury Centre.

FOR SALE—Furnished boarding house full of boarders. Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—Carrots for horses by the barrel. C. H. Cutter, 694 Mammoth road, Dracut. Telephone connection.

FOR SALE—Restaurant doing a good business; a good investment; ill health the cause for wishing to sell. Call at 60 Gorham street.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c.; 1½ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 158 Merrimack street.

MISCELLANEOUS

MISS UPTON, clairvoyant, card reader, business medium. 81 Merrimack street.

TELEGRAPHY—A new class will open Jan. 1st. Anyone desiring to enter this class should apply to H. L. Whitten, 230 Gorham street.

SKATES—Hollow ground, 5c per pair. Morrison's Auto Co., 155-161 Moody street.

WHITE SEWING MACHINES, 310 Bridge St.—The Automatic drop machine is King; it is a real eyeopener; we sell the Queen also; we repair all kinds of sewing machines; give us a call.

HIGHLAND REMNANT STORE, 30 Pine street—We are showing a fine line of mercerized vestings, wash silks, Ottomans, Eddy silks, mercerized cheviots, basket goods, Barnaby ginghams for shirts, waists and suits; no finer line in the city and prices below all reason; there is nothing that will make any better Christmas present than a nice shirt waist; all colors guaranteed and patterns up to date; in fact, everything is the latest.

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MADAME LENORE, clairvoyant and card reader, 71 Tyler street. Ladies 25c, gentlemen 50c. Hours 10 a. m. to 12 and 3 to 10 p. m.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack woolen mills. Corner store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

HORSEMEN, ATTENTION—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.00; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Padien at the Fair Grounds shoeing forge, 1051 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass.

PIANO OR ORGAN LESSONS at your home; special pains taken with children or advanced pupils; will accompany any instrument for entertainments; years of experience. Mabel Randall, Chelmsford Centre.

STOVES—New and second hand, bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 165 Middlesex street.

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IF YOU WANT your mattresses made over at your home call at 940 Central St.

BUY YOUR HAT at Delorme's, where you can have it cleaned free of charge for one year. Repairing a specialty. 261 Middlesex street.

SAVE MONEY by buying your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co.'s, 150 Gorham St. We will paper your room with gilt paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; also furniture moving done in a careful manner; always big bargains at our store. McGauvran Bros., Merrimack street, opp. City hall.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination; used by 50,000 women; price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MOTHERS—Beal's Destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp, prevents falling hair; harmless, 25c. Only at Falls & Burkinshaw's, 418 Middlesex street.

TO LET

TO LET—Large cottage with bath on Coral street, $20; good tenement of six rooms on Chelmsford street, $12; new cottage on Inland street, $14. Apply to A. L. Russell, 407 Middlesex street.

TO LET—New cottage house of seven rooms, bath and barn, on Whiteman St., off Princeton; rent $16. Inquire at 15 Claire street.

FOR RENT—In the Highlands, an upstairs flat of five rooms with bath. 173 Stevens street, near corner of Westford. Rent $11.

TO LET—Steam heated rooms, gas and bath. Wellman house, Centralville, 15 W 4th street.

TO LET—Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $6.50; Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $7; Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $7.50; close to Northern depot, 4 rooms, $5.50; Centralville, handy to mills, 3 rooms, $5.50; 5 rooms, $6.50; 5 rooms, $7.50; Concord street, 3 rooms, $6.50; house and barn and 3 acres of land on Hildreth street, $12.50; Chelmsford street, cottage and barn, $8. The above has been made extra snug and warm for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central St.

TO LET—At 108 Butterfield street, furnished room with steam heat, bath and gas; lady preferred; $1.50 per week.

TO RENT—Convenient 4-room tenement for small family. G. P. Walker, 964 Middlesex street.

TO LET—One 4-room and one 5-room tenement. Inquire at 31 Chestnut street.

TO LET—Small tenements, 631 Broadway; rent low.

TO LET—Blacksmith shop fully equipped ready for business. Apply at 335 Lincoln street.

TO LET—Tenement of 5 rooms with or without barn. 15 Lombard street.

TO LET—A desirable house on South Canton street, all modern improvements, steam heat. Inquire at 942 Middlesex St.

TENEMENTS in all parts of the city at all prices, we have several that will make extra warm, sunny homes for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street

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WANTED—Housework or take care of children, a good home rather than high wages. Address A. L., Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by a steady, experienced woman, housework in city or country. Please call evenings at 5 Fernald street.

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SWORN CIRCULATION FOR NOVEMBER

The sworn daily average circulation of the Lowell Sun for the month of November, 1903, was **14,546** A gain of 1039 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, December 1, 1903.

JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

It seems really absurd and unreasonable, if women are allowed to vote for school committee men at the polls that they are not allowed under the provisions of the Lace law to participate in the caucuses for the nomination of their candidates. We think this is a limitation of their franchise privileges. If they are entitled to vote for the candidates, they should also be entitled to select the nominees for whom they desire to vote on election day. This is a defect in the Lace law which should be remedied right away. We feel upon this question as we have always felt on the question of women suffrage. The main question to determine is do the women want to vote? If they do we never have been in favor of refusing them that privilege or abridging it. They are subject to the laws of the commonwealth and to the observance of municipal regulations. Why they should not be privileged to vote for those who make these laws and regulations we never could see. We do not say it is advisable to have women go into the turmoil of political life, but if they wish to, we do not know of any reason why an intelligent woman cannot vote as well as an intelligent man. On the license question particularly, women should have had a vote long ago. No one is more affected by the saloon than the wives and mothers. If they voted on this question the liquor stores would have been closed many years ago, and the moral condition of society would be greatly improved. Women at least do not make up the crowds of corner loafers and bummers who hang about the streets and sell their votes on election day. They do not form any part of the machinery that is making politics a disgrace, and we do not know but what it is about time for women to enter the political field to purify it. Mrs. Duff of the Boston school board has done more for the schools of Boston and for the purification of school board politics than any one else in the last generation. It would be well for Boston and other cities if there were more women like her in public life. Who knows but all our political evils are waiting for the purifying hand of the new woman?

THE PARK COMMISSION.

We hear many people expressing the fear that the park commission is getting altogether too popular and that it may work upon public sympathy so far as to induce the people to extend its powers even to the departments of streets, roads and bridges. From present indications we should consider this by no means a calamity. It is very near time that our streets, roads and bridges were taken out of the hands of people who imagine that they are the natural prey of every combination of grafters, loafers and politicians that can form a temporary combine for the purpose of robbing the city. If the park commission or any other commission can take hold of our street department and run it as economically and with as good results as the park commission is running our parks and commons it would be pleasing to the citizens of Lowell and would remove a very bothersome factor from the field of local politics. The park commission has done more work and better work for less money than any committee of the city government was ever able to do. We have no doubt they will distinguish themselves still further by improving our park system, relegating the loafers and bummers to the rear and procuring for the city a dollar's worth of labor and material for every dollar expended. If we could do something of this sort in all our city departments we would not be crying out against a high tax rate and the idiotic antics of members of the city council who go to city hall as if armed with a dark lantern, a jimmy, a hammer, a bunch of keys and a little nitro glycerine for the purpose of working on the city treasury vaults and distributing the loot among their political proteges and ward bosses. We do not look upon the prospect of extending the care of our streets to the park commission or any similar commission with anything like fear. Indeed it is almost time to turn the whole affair over to some board or commission that will give us decent streets and roads leading out of the city, something that we have never had and never will have under present methods.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

What is the use of getting up a scare in the cotton industry in Lowell? Our mills are well supplied with cotton and they have orders enough ahead to keep them running for many a long day, and when they run out of cotton they can buy more on the market the same as any other manufacturers. As we said in a previous article, if there is any necessity for curtailment, there is no doubt that the Manufacturers' association will take into consideration the fact that Lowell had an extended period of idleness on account of the strike last spring, and will bring about a curtailment if it is necessary in other parts of New England. Indeed we have the opinion of one of our local manufacturers to this effect, and he feels satisfied that there will be no curtailment in any of the large concerns in this section of the country. It is true our storehouses were well filled at the time of the strike, but the shipments during that period of idleness depleted them so far that it will be many months before they are in the condition which existed prior to the strike. Some people are needlessly nervous over the high price of cotton. They fear that it will result in an increase in the price of goods that will be more than met by foreign competition, but these unthinking persons are not aware of the fact that the bulk of the cotton which is used all over the world is raised in this country, and no manufacturer has yet been able to import cotton from the United States and return the finished product to this market in competition with the home manufacturers. It is plain, therefore, that this imaginary competition is hardly worth considering. The cotton manufacturers of this country are masters of the situation; they have controlled the market for years and will continue to do so until some new source of supply for cotton is discovered.

ELECT POLICE COMMISSIONERS AT THE POLLS.

Why wouldn't it be a good plan to have our police commissioners elected at the polls? We really see no objection to it, and there are many advantages that would accrue by submitting this question to popular vote. It may be argued that this would bring the board of police into politics, but pray when was the board of police ever out of politics? We think it would do away with a great deal of the confusion that is brought about during a mayoralty contest because of the uncertainty as to who will be appointed by the mayor to the board of police. It is simply outrageous to subordinate a mayoralty contest to any such an absurd contingency.

After all, isn't it in line with modern popular ideas to allow the people to select the heads of important departments at the polls? If the people elected their own commissioners, it would relieve the mayor of the city of a big responsibility, and would throw upon the people the burden which of right belongs to them. If they are so anxious to know who will or who will not be elected police commissioner they should settle it for themselves at the polls. We believe the term should be reduced to three years, one commissioner to be elected each year and be subject to the present provisions for his removal in case of incompetency or malfeasance in office. Sooner or later something of this sort will be brought about because of the provoking complications which arise in every municipal contest over the question of the police commissionership.

SEEN AND HEARD

A young lady who received a handsome watch from her beau as a Christmas gift was so delighted with it that while at church Christmas evening she removed the timepiece from its resting place 35 times within an hour and gazed upon it with an expression that almost made her say: "Oh, you dear boy!"

"My watch is sick," said a Billerica lady to a friend who inquired for the time.

"What is the trouble?" inquired the friend.

"It has a pain (pane) in the face," replied the young lady from Billerica.

THEIR MOTHER'S INTEREST.

I know four little boys who were very happy on Christmas day. They were the recipients of a generous supply of new presents, but that wasn't all. The presence of their mother in the room where the Christmas tree was planted and where the presents were piled high lent an enchantment to the occasion that was far dearer to the children than the presents. She gave up the whole day to them. She played with them, shared their joy and excitement and helped them to feel that the day was real and that the world is made beautiful by affection and good conduct. A toy engine that wouldn't work was the only drawback that the boys met with, and they didn't mind a little thing like that.

STOLE AN OVERCOAT.

Eddie Maguire of the Boston Post visited friends in Lowell about a week ago looking resplendent in a Count Du Laporett overcoat. Eddie's tailor took particular pains with the coat and made of it "one grand garment." The fellows with whom he associated while in the newspaper business in Lowell cast envious glances at Eddie's coat, but subsequent developments went to prove that the coat was safer here than in Boston. Early Tuesday morning Eddie blew into the office of the Post with scoop number 13. He left his overcoat in the Post city room and while he was engaged in painting his scoop William J. Parker, unable to withstand the exquisite beauty of the garment, purloined it, and at 3.30 that morning he was pursued by a fusillade of shots from the revolver of Patrolman Denis J. Casey of station 2. After finishing his two column exclusive Eddie looked for his coat but found it not. Strenuous and thorough was the search but poor Eddie had to give it up for lost.

About 4 o'clock, however, two members of the Post staff recognized the coat on a man who was hanging about Gridley's restaurant. They set a watch on the man while they sent a messenger to Bulfinch place for Eddie.

As the man evidently soon suspected he was being watched he began to slink away and the watchers thought it better to get an officer to hold him.

This was done, and the man was taken to station 2.

Just as Patrolman Casey got him to the door, the man, who was afterwards found to be William J. Parker, suddenly broke away from the officer and ran through City hall avenue and into School street.

Patrolman Casey drew his revolver and fired in the air, shouting, "Stop, or I'll shoot to kill."

Mr. Charles W. Goddard of the Post, who was on the scene, joined in the chase.

Goddard shed his overcoat as he ran, and another Post man, Mr. Gillooley, rescued it, and by sprinting the two were only a few yards behind the flying man at the corner of Kilby street. The officer had emptied his revolver but he evidently tried not to hit the fugitive.

At Kilby street Parker shed Maguire's coat, dropping it into the street. He tripped over a drain pipe and recovered himself in time to stagger on down Kilby street.

Along Kilby street Parker and Goddard staggered, both getting tired out. The patrolman had dropped behind.

At the corner of State street a boy of about twelve years appeared in Parker's way.

"Stop that thief!" was yelled and the boy stood stock still in the thief's way.

"I give up," Parker gasped and leaned panting against the building. He made no resistance as Goddard grabbed him.

Mr. Gillooley led a crowd in chase of the fugitive clear down to Atlantic avenue and back to State street.

When the crowd entered Kilby street there was nearly 100 persons with lanterns and revolvers, accompanied by two policemen.

Almost all Newspaper Row accompanied the man to station 2, where he gave his name as William J. Parker, living at the Hotel Rexford.

JOKE ON THE REPORTER.

A few evenings ago a woman called at the police station and was closeted for nearly an hour with an officer and another attache of that institution. It was dark enough to render it hard to discern features in the room where the woman and the two men were talking and a reporter passed through the room shortly after the woman arrived. A little earlier in the evening an alleged shoplifter had been taken to the police station and the reporter, desirous of getting all that was coming in the line of news, flitted back and forth through the room in a vain attempt to learn what was going on. The conversation between the woman and the two men was being carried on in a low tone and when the reporter's curiosity had reached a very high pitch, one of the men, not the officer, approached him.

"What's that woman doing here?" asked the reporter.

"I couldn't afford to tell you that."

"Why not?" insisted the reporter.

"Because I am an attache of this place and it wouldn't be right for me to give you the story. It would really mean insubordination."

"Of course you know, I don't want to get left on a good story," suggested the scribe.

"I don't suppose you do, but I have told you how I stand," said the man with the story.

"Oh, come on, let me have it. I don't have to say that you told me the story."

"You'll promise to protect me?"

"I surely will."

"Then," said the man with the story, "I will tell you. That is Billy's wife. I have known her for years, and we were just talking over old times."

The reporter was a little bit vexed but he had to pocket his rage.

"For heaven's sake don't tell Billy that I thought his wife was a shoplifter," said the scribe as he bolted for the street.

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STEAMER KIOWA

SUNK IN COLLISION IN BOSTON HARBOR.

BOSTON, Dec. 28—No arrangements have yet been made towards raising the Clyde line steamer Kiowa, which was sunk below Boston light in the thick snowstorm Saturday by the outward-bound freiter Admiral Dewey. The vessel lies on an even keel with her masts and the top of her smokestack projecting above the water. Her decks are covered by 11 feet of water at low tide, and great difficulty will be experienced in lifting her from the bottom, on account of the depth of water in which she is. Before any attempt can be made to raise the craft, the great hole in her port side must be patched by divers and this work will take considerable time. The steamer will remain in her present position for some weeks, if, in fact, she is ever brought to the surface.

Representatives of the Clyde line will reach here today from New York and after viewing the wreck arrangements will probably be made for an attempt to float the steamer.

A conservative estimate of the value of her cargo is $165,000.

WINTRY WEATHER

WAS TOO MUCH FOR THE METHUENS.

An interesting game in the Merrimack Valley league was scheduled to take place on Saturday afternoon between the Methuens and U. S. Bootings. The wintry weather no doubt kept the visiting team from putting in an appearance. As, however, no word had been sent to them that the game was off and the homesters and referee, T. Mehermott of Lawrence, were in attendance, the latter blew his whistle at the time arranged for the game to start. The Bootings lined up and the ball was kicked through the uprights. The referee then awarded the game to them.

This virtual defeat will practically put the Methuens out of the running for the championship.

Followers of the game of football will be sorry to hear that Ted Nelson of the Bootings is likely to retire permanently from the game, being forced to do so owing to an injury to his knee which some five or six weeks ago was badly kicked.

COMPANY C

TO HAVE THE PARKER CUP UNTIL NEXT SEASON.

The possession of the Parker cup until the opening of the shooting season next year was settled at the Dracut rifle range by representatives of the three local companies Saturday afternoon. The weather conditions were about the worst that a shoot was ever held under in this city. Lance Corp. Flynn won the cup for Co. C by a score of 42. Sergt. Berry of the same company shot the score but was outranked by Lance Corp. Flynn's. The cup will remain in the possession of Co. C till next season, making the eighth consecutive winter that it has been held by it. The men shooting and their scores follow: Sergt. Berry, 42, Sergt. Peterson 39, Sergt. Leary 37, Lance Corp. Flynn 42 of Co. C, Private Baker of Co. G 40, Sergt. Scott 38, Capt. McNulty 37, Corp. Black 39 of Co. M.

Young Men's Overcoats $5.00

Here are twenty-two of them—made from Oxford mixed and black all wool friezes, cut very long, and nicely tailored—sizes 31 to 34 breast measure, just right for large boys 16 to 18 years old. These sold for $8.00, $10.00 and $12.00, all marked today to sell for **$5.00**

18 Boys' Reefers $1.00

One dollar is the price because the reefers are all small sizes, 3 years and 4. Blue chinchillas with velvet collars or all wool friezes with storm collars. These sold as high as $2.50—all today marked **$1.00**

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NARROW ESCAPE

German Liner Passed Over Hidden Mine

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28—The steamer Spinana Maru, which arrived yesterday from China and Japan ports, brought a remarkable story from Singapore which is vouched for by Shanghai papers, of the narrow escape of the German mail liner Prinz Heinrich from being blown up by a submarine mine. When the steamer was leaving Singapore, a steam launch with a large party of British naval officers on board steamed towards her and the British naval men shouted excitedly: "You are in great danger. Right before you is a submarine mine; for God's sake go astern full speed."

Capt. Pointzer, realizing that his vessel had too much way to stop quickly, steamed ahead, hoping to get over the danger spot. Suddenly the mine exploded about two lengths astern with a tremendous roar, throwing up the water with a great splash.

CONVENTION HISTORY

PECULIAR FACTS OF NATIONAL NOMINATION AND ELECTION.

The only presidential and vice-presidential candidates ever nominated by a convention in which both were delegates were Garfield and Arthur, in the Chicago convention of 1880. When the convention met, their names had hardly been mentioned as possible nominations.

Horatio Seymour was the only presiding officer of a national convention ever nominated for the presidency. The convention was held in New York in 1868.

Thomas A. Hendricks, an avowed candidate for the nomination for first place on the democratic ticket, was a delegate to both conventions in which he was nominated for second place—in St. Louis in 1876 and in Chicago in 1884.

Mr. McKinley, while presiding over the national republican convention in Minneapolis in 1892, was voted for for the the nomination that Mr. Harrison received. Four years later Mr. McKinley was nominated by his party in the St. Louis convention.

Mr. Roosevelt was a member of the Philadelphia convention that nominated him for vice-president in 1900. It has been said that he almost wept with anger because he was forced to accept the nomination for vice-president. If so, it was not the first time in the history of national conventions that the vice-presidential candidate shed tears.

In 1840 John Tyler was a delegate to the Whig convention that nominated William Henry Harrison. He was a worshipper of Henry Clay, who was a candidate for the nomination which Harrison received.

Mr. Tyler was not a candidate for the second place. He devoted all his time to shouting and working for Henry Clay, and when his candidate went down before the hero of Tippecanoe, John Tyler wept like a boy in the convention.

One month after the inauguration of the man whom he had done his utmost to defeat in the convention, Tyler succeeded him as president.

Some peculiar and interesting political facts connected with the vice-presidency are not paralleled by any connected with the presidency. Thus:

If Mr. Webster had accepted the nomination for second place either time at which it was tendered he would have become president by succession.

If Mr. Butler of Massachusetts had accepted the nomination for second place in the convention which renominated Lincoln he would have succeeded to the presidency. It has been related that the convention was ready to give Butler the nomination unanimously, but that he positively refused it.

The man who received the nomination had hardly been mentioned in connection with the vice-presidency, and it is still a question whether his nomination and acceptance was not a mistake. Certain it is that Andrew Johnson was the only president who ever went out of office under a cloud.

Six vice presidents died in office. The first two, Clinton of New York and Gerry of Massachusetts, died in the administrations of Madison. The others were King of Alabama, in Pierce's administration; Wilson of Massachusetts, in Grant's; Hendricks of Indiana, in Cleveland's, and Hobart of New Jersey, in McKinley's.

The only vice-president who ever resigned was John C. Calhoun. He served less than three months of his term.

WM. J. BRYAN

WAS THE GUEST OF AMBASSADOR TOWER.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—William J. Bryan was entertained at luncheon Saturday by Ambassador Tower privately and called on Foreign Secretary Richthofen. Emperor William has expressed regrets at the fact that domestic Christmas festivities will prevent him from receiving Mr. Bryan in audience. About 1500 Americans and distinguished Germans were introduced Saturday afternoon to Mr. Bryan at the reception at the chamber of commerce given in his honor. Mr. Bryan will sail for New York, Wednesday, from Liverpool on the Celtic.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Manager Murphy of the Academy of Music has displayed exceedingly good taste in booking "Miss New York, Jr." as the attraction of his theatre for three nights and usual matinee commencing tonight. This metropolitan success is an extravaganza of rare merit embracing an unexcelled aggregation of artists. The opening attraction will be a one-act farce entitled "Thirty Minutes at Sea," in which are introduced all the latest songs with beautiful and handsomely costumed girls, funny comedians and an array of specialists who are all artists in their line, viz: Miss Granville, a mezzo-contralto of rare ability; Sutherland and Fonda, dainty little singers and dancers; Udell and Pearce, as Alphonse and Gaston; Adams and Edwards in their laughable absurdity, "Heinneman's Domestic Bliss;" Marion and Pearl, comedians and acrobats. The closing skit is a satire entitled "Ye Destrict Skule," making the organization one of the greatest laughing hits travelling.

THIS WEEK AT THE CASTO.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins Fisher head the program at the Casto Theatre this week, and they will present Ezra Kendall's rural character sketch entitled "The Half-Way House," one of the most entertaining and amusing acts in vaudeville. The remainder of the program is up to the high Casto standard and will draw large crowds to the Shattuck street theatre this week. Green trading stamps are still given free at the Casto.

HANNA MAY RUN

Boom for "Boss" Being Revived

AKRON, O., Dec. 28.—A great revival of feeling for Hanna as presidential candidate has been caused by the refusal of Gen. Dick to talk on his statement of a few days ago, when he said positively that Hanna would not be a candidate for the presidency. Gen. Dick, since he made that statement, has held conferences with several of the foremost republican politicians of the state, and it is now believed here that Hanna will be nominated.

Gen. Dick, when asked regarding the report that Hanna was slated for the nomination, refused to talk, and in view of the vehemence with which he formerly declared against his nomination, it is now thought that at a secret conference Hanna has been decided upon, and has consented to run for the presidential chair.

Several quiet meetings of prominent politicians have been held within the past few days, and it leaked out yesterday that at a secret meeting with several republican central committeemen Dick suggested that the state convention be held about the middle of May. Ohio Roosevelt supporters were eager for an early convention, and take the late date selected as an indication that Roosevelt will not be nominated. Dick will not explain, affirm or deny it.

KILLED BY COLD

Man Found Unconscious in Street

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The body of a man, afterward identified as Frank Moran of Waterhill street, Lynn, was found on Revere street, Revere, yesterday morning. Death had apparently been caused by cold and exhaustion.

Isaac S. Johnson, an elderly resident of Stowers street, Revere, saw the body lying in the snow, partly in the street and partly on the sidewalk, about 7 o'clock. He sent word to Patrolman Stewart at the town police station, and Stewart and Patrolman McChrystal went with the police wagon. Although the extremities of the body were frozen, the trunk was still warm, and the officers lashed their horse to top speed in getting back to the station. There they worked on the man for half an hour, applying hot cloths, etc., but Dr. Walsh declared that the man was past all human aid.

In the afternoon the Lynn police learned that the body was that of Moran. He was a morocco worker, employed by Webber Bros., of Lynn, and had but one arm. He was 40 years old, married, and the father of nine children.

The body was sent to Lynn, and the Revere police did not learn much about Moran's movements, except that somebody reported that a man answering his description had been seen in the town about 6 o'clock yesterday morning, asking for a car for Lynn.

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ON THE CREASE

Mohairs to Join New Cricket League

Not since the days of the old-time contests between the Arlingtons and Lawrences of Lawrence and the Internationals of Lowell has there been so much interest shown in cricket in the Merrimac valley as during the past four seasons. During that time the contests in the Merrimac valley have been largely attended, the game has grown in favor, and the standard of play improved.

The powerful Mohair team of Lowell has carried all before it each season, and the clubs in the valley have gradually arranged themselves into two classes, Mohair easily holding itself at the head. Especially during last season did the fact become patent that a classification must be made or the league would fall through, as it was becoming a farce for the weaker clubs to try conclusions with the three or four very strong ones.

With a pardonable anxiety for more worlds to conquer, Mohair took the initiative in planning a league that should take in all the stronger clubs in and around Boston, and thus form a state league. This movement has been carried through successfully, and all these clubs affiliated as the Massachusetts cricket league. This league has two divisions, the first division embracing nine strong clubs, while the second takes in the weaker clubs and the second teams of the stronger ones.

The first division includes East Boston, Roxbury, Everett, Brockton, Lynn Wanderers, Mohair and Bunting of Lowell, and Merrimac and Lawrence of Lawrence. The second section has Chelsea, West India and West India Wanderers, both of Boston, Lynn Athletic, and the second teams of East Boston, Everett, Lynn Wanderers and Bunting, while it is quite probable that each division will contain ten clubs before the season opens. Cricket around Boston has become quite a drawing card, as large numbers attend the games at Franklin field, East Boston and Everett, and with these clubs in a league with the strong ones of Lowell, Lawrence and Brockton, still greater interest will be shown, and the game grow still more popular.

East Boston, Roxbury and Everett play on public grounds, while Brockton and Mohair probably lead the rest in having really good, private creases. Brockton is fortunate in having some wealthy members, some of whom have donated a large sum for a larger clubhouse.

The officers of the new league are: J. F. Dixon of Everett, pres., E. Ashley of Brockton, vice pres., James Bennett of Lynn, sec., and John Killan of Chelsea, treas. Other responsible men fill offices of trustees, auditors, etc.

The Western Massachusetts league, which takes in four clubs in and around Northampton has for its leading spirit "Doc" Middleton, a former secretary of the Boston club of the '80s.

Read the Oriental Bazaar's ad.

GOT UP A SCRAP

ONLY WAY TO KEEP THEMSELVES FROM FREEZING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—William Donaly and John Laplig of this city left Lindenhurst before sunrise Saturday for a day's gunning on the Great South bay. They had gone a short distance when the mast of the little boat snapped. With great difficulty they rescued the sail and reshipped the mast, but the gale soon whipped the sail to ribbons and they were forced to send east before the breeze.

At nightfall the ice closed in around them and prevented the boat from drifting further. The mercury dropped below the zero mark. The men had not the slightest shelter, and for 12 hours they had to jump up and down and spar with each other to keep from freezing.

At daybreak yesterday Donaly hoisted a flag of distress on an oar. The signal was recognized by Capt. Philip Sammis, and Sammis and his brother Andrew went to the rescue. When they reached the men Laplig was nearly dead, but Donaly was not much the worse for the exposure.

KILLED HIMSELF

EAST BOSTON MAN VICTIM OF SAD ACCIDENT.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—While returning from a trip after duck yesterday afternoon, Charles Silvey, 40 years old, who resided at 284 Maverick street, East Boston, fell off a fence and accidentally pulled the trigger of the shotgun which he carried, the charge entering his left thigh and lodging in the abdomen and causing his death half an hour later at the City hospital relief station.

The accident happened at 1.45. The fence from which Mr. Silvey fell is but a short distance from his home and the tragic event was witnessed by his wife and children, who were sitting in the kitchen waiting for him to return.

Near Mr. Silvey's home is a marsh, which starts near the tracks of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn railroad and extends nearly as far as Wood island. Mr. Silvey was sitting in his window reading a newspaper when he saw a flock of ducks out on the marsh. Calling the attention of his wife to the birds, he said he would like to get some of them. Preparing his gun, he started for the marsh, but when he reached there the ducks had flown and Mr. Silvey started back home.

He took a short cut which necessitated his climbing a fence back of the railroad tracks. In getting over the fence, it is supposed that he missed his footing and his hand struck the trigger of the gun as he fell. The shot entered the upper portion of his left thigh near the abdomen.

The report of the gun attracted a large number of persons and Mr. Silvey's wife and children also came rushing to the scene. He was picked up and conveyed to Neil's rush house. Here the seriousness of the wound was discovered and the police ambulance was called. Five minutes after reaching the hospital Mr. Silvey died.

ADMIRAL O'NEILL

BOSTON MAN WILL GET THE RANK.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Next Friday Rear Admiral George W. Sumner, U. S. N., will retire from active service because of having reached the age limit of 62 years, and another Boston man, Capt. Charles O'Neil, will become a full rank rear admiral of the active list.

Capt. O'Neil, who for the past seven years has been the chief of the naval bureau of ordnance with the temporary acting rank of rear admiral, will probably not fly his flag as a flag officer of active rank in the navy, for he, in turn, will retire from active duty on March 15 next, because of reaching the age of 62.

SLEIGHING SKETCHES ON THE BOULEVARD YESTERDAY.

TWO FAT TURKEYS

Young Man Got Them at the Union Market

And Didn't Pay for Them—They Were Charged to Martin Mack the Lunch Cart Man—Alleged Thief Had Skeleton Key

Officer Henry Somers, Saturday evening, arrested Louis Crepeau, alias Louis Whipple, on suspicion of larceny. Louis was not a stranger to the officer and there was no doubt in the officer's mind as to Louis' guilt. The young man was charged with the larceny of two turkeys.

When Louis wants anything he wants it bad and Thursday he wanted two fat turkeys. He used to work for Martin J. Mack, the night lunch man, and he decided to get the turkeys in Martin's name. He went to the Union market in Middlesex street and told Frank Lang, one of the clerks, that Martin Mack sent him for turkeys. "He told me to get two 15-pound turkeys," said Louis. The clerk replied that he was a little short on big birds but that he would get two such as he wanted. The result was that Louis got the birds.

Saturday afternoon Mr. Mack was made acquainted with the fact that two turkeys were charged up to him at the Union market and he wondered why. He was told that a fellow by the name of Whipple called at the market and ordered two 15-pound turkeys, stating that Martin Mack had sent for them.

"Oh, the brazen thing," said Martin. "I didn't send him after turkeys. He doesn't work for me and I have no use for the turkeys."

The police were notified and Crepeau's arrest followed. He refused to discuss the turkey question and it was not until he had been run through the question machine in the inspectors' office that he even admitted getting the turkeys. Despite the fact that besides the officers Crepeau talked to Martin Mack and Frank King, he was at no time in the least disturbed. He said he didn't tell King that Mack had sent him for the turkeys.

"What did you say to Mr. King?" asked Deputy Welch.

"I told him I wanted two turkeys like the ones he gave Martin Mack." That was the sum and substance of his story about the turkeys."

Crepeau had a bunch of keys in his possession when arrested and one of them was a skeleton key. When Martin Mack turned his eyes on the bunch of keys he recognized among them a key to his front door and also a key to his ice chest.

"Have you any use for those keys?" asked Mr. Mack.

"Only when I go to your place," replied the unsquelchable Louis.

"Go to my place?" repeated Martin.

"That's what I said."

"How long since you've been at my place?"

"I and other fellows have been at your house several times."

"Were you there when I was at home?"

"Yes, we've been there when you were sleeping soundly."

Despite their best efforts to continue along the stern lines which they had mapped out the officers were forced to smile at the conclusion of the little dialogue between Mr. Mack and the man with the keys.

Crepeau has a court record. On Sept. 17 he was arraigned in police court on a complaint charging him with cutting the warp on a loom in the Merrimack mills, and was fined $25.

He denied that he was the Louis Crepeau who was before the court in July, 1898, and fined $15 for the larceny of a ring. He said it was a cousin of his, but when told that his relatives would be brought to the police station he admitted that he was the Louis Crepeau in question.

ANOTHER'S PAY

John Flynn Turned Trick on Pawnbroker

Officer Palmer, Saturday evening, arrested John H. Flynn on a warrant charging him with the larceny of $7.50 from Thomas H. Kelly, pawnbroker. Flynn was under the influence of liquor when arrested.

Flynn, it is alleged, went to Kelly's pawn shop in Middlesex street one day last week and represented himself to be Patrick J. Carney. He said that he had a week's pay coming to him from the Merrimack corporation and he wanted to sell it at a reasonable figure. He secured his price, went away and Kelley immediately took steps to stop the victim's pay. When pay day arrived there was one man on the Merrimack who did not get his envelope, and when he questioned the paymaster with regard to it he was informed that it had been signed over to Mr. Kelly. An investigation was started and resulted in a warrant being sworn out for Flynn's arrest.

A CHRISTMAS TREE.

The children of the primary, intermediate and kindergarten departments of the First Congregational church enjoyed a fine Christmas tree Saturday afternoon. There were over 100 children present. Santa Claus was called off to another part of the country and was unable to be present, but an interesting letter from Santa stating the reason why he could not be there was read.

The letter was read by Assistant Sunday School Superintendent H. H. Blanchard. All of the children in the primary and intermediate school received books as gifts, and the children in the kindergarten school were presented with toys. Ice cream and cake was served by the teachers in charge. It was a joyous time long to be remembered.

The Thompson Hardware Co. has marked down all the toys they had left from Christmas to half price, and have also reduced the price on all games.

GEN. MacARTHUR

Returns From the Hawaiian Islands

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—General MacArthur returned yesterday on the steamer Sibera from the Hawaiian islands, where he has been making a military inspection. One of General MacArthur's first questions was for news concerning the Japanese-Russian controversy, and he listened intently to the information given him. He was then asked:

"Is it true, general, that your visit to the islands was cut short by the probability of war with Panama?"

The general considered the question a moment and said: "Well, I'm here."

His attention was directed to the recent activity displayed in the transport service and he remarked:

"I have not been notified about the transports."

Then the interviewer brought up the subject of the report of Colonel Jones, of the Hawaiian militia, who quoted General MacArthur as saying that war would come between the United States and Germany and that the principal fighting would be in the Pacific, with the Hawaiian islands the objective point. General MacArthur said:

"That is a matter that I will discuss in no way. You must excuse me."

In relation to his trip the general said:

"I made a very thorough inspection of the islands of Oahu and have sent to Washington a complete report of my ideas for the defenses and establishment of fortifications, also the number of posts I thought advisable to establish. The trip was most instructive and valuable. The wealth of the country surprised me and particularly was I amazed at the enormous sugar plantations."

Offensive Even to Myself.—F. A. Bottom, druggist, Cookshire, Que., says: "For 20 years I suffered from catarrh. My breath was very offensive even to myself. I tried everything which promised me a cure. I was induced to try Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. I got relief instantly after first application. It cured me and I am free from all the effects of it." Sold by Ayer's & Burkinshaw.—19.

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HOBOES RAIDED

MORE ARRESTS MADE BY BOSTON POLICE.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The entire force of inspectors, divided into three squads gathered at different rendezvous just before dawn yesterday morning about 6 o'clock and started out on their raid of hobo lodging houses. Whether there are any dangerous characters or criminals who are wanted in the lot, will not be known until today, but the raiders didn't think that here were any among those taken in who were wanted for anything unless for some pretty offence.

The first squad took the West and North Ends and when they got through their work 13 men were locked up at the Hanover street station, and the South End raiders picked up 12. This made a total of 62 arrests.

There is little doubt that the majority of these will be sent away for vagrancy as soon as a judge sees them. Few of them looked as though they had the courage to sign a contract for a whole day's work, and their hands, soft and white on the palms, didn't look much like an every-day workingman's. There wasn't enough money found in the pockets of the whole lot to pay for a room for one night at a medium-class hotel.

C. Y. M. L. DIRECTORS

WERE NAMED AT MEETING YESTERDAY.

The regular meeting of the Catholic Young Men's lyceum of St. Patrick's church was held yesterday afternoon and the following directors were elected for the ensuing term:

John J. Carroll, John J. Doyle, William Enright, J. Harry Flaherty, Joseph Gilley, John M. Hogan, William P. Wholey and Patrick O'Brien. The following named were appointed by Rev. William O'Brien, pastor: John J. O'Connor, William A. Barry, William P. Callahan, Dennis J. Devine, Thomas Mahoney, Timothy Hohan and James Kennedy.

Very favorable reports were read by the chairmen of the different committees. It was announced that the society will put on the well-known drama "Friends" in the near future. In all probability the play will be presented during the middle of the month of February.

For the harvest festival committee Mr. John J. O'Connor reported that over $700 had been realized by the event, which clears the organization of all debts, leaving a balance in the treasury of over $300.

The society is to receive communion in a body at the 8 o'clock mass on next Sunday and offer the services a breakfast will be served in the Parochial boys' school hall in Suffolk street. This will be followed by an entertainment and meeting of the society.

Best gifts at the Oriental Bazaar.

BARN BURNED

Fire Thought to be of Incendiary Origin

A barn belonging to John O'Donnell, situated on the Old Lowell Road, now known as Dock street, in Tewksbury, was burned last evening, and between eight and ten tons of English and meadow hay, owned by George W. Foster of Tewksbury, went up in smoke. Mr. O'Donnell valued the barn at $800, and the hay was worth at least $125.

The blaze was discovered about a quarter of six by James Callahan, who lives directly opposite on Main street. At that time flames were bursting from the side of the barn and were working their way upward. Mr. Callahan rushed across the street and tried to gain admittance to the O'Donnell house, but found that the doors were locked and that the children, six in number, were locked in. He pried a window and let them out. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell, were visiting a neighbor, William Flynn, at the time, and they were apprised of the fire by one of the children.

By this time the flames had gained so much headway that it was impossible to check the fire. Word was sent to neighbors, who readily responded, and assisted in tearing down the front and sides of the structure. This was done in order that the sparks would not communicate to the house, which stood but a few feet away.

The barn was built about ten years ago and the framework was entirely of oak. Mr. O'Donnell used a portion of the barn for storing furniture, but let the greater portion of it to George Foster, who stored his hay there. Mr. Foster could not be located last night.

Mr. O'Donnell in speaking of the fire, said that he could not possibly account for the fire, but thought that it must have been of incendiary origin, as the place had been securely locked for four days.

The cause of the fire will be investigated either today or tomorrow.

NORTH BILLERICA.

On account of being out on Christmas day the employes of the Talbot mills of North Billerica were obliged to work until 6 o'clock Saturday night. The Faulkner mill closed at noon Saturday.

A pleasant surprise party was held Christmas eve at the home of William Higson in Wilson street, when a number of his friends called at his home and presented him with a beautiful art square. The presentation speech was made by Jonathan Williams, after which refreshments were served and a good time spent until a late hour.

At a meeting of Danforth lodge, K. of P., held recently the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: E. C., Jeremiah Sheehan; V. C., Frank Bonan; P., James T. Moran; M. W., D. W. Robinson; K. R. S., Edward J. Garner; M. F., Thomas M. Clark; M. C., Richard J. Conway; M. A., Lawrence W. Buckley; I. G., Fred C. Smith; O. G., Robert Faulds; representatives to Grand lodge, Edward J. Garner, D. W. Robinson. Installation will take place Jan. 13, 1904.

The class of '01 of the Howe school will hold a social party in the town hall in the centre village Thursday evening.

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"Winsome Winnie"

AND

"The Marriage of Kitty"

"WINSOME WINNIE," at the Casino, is indeed 'winning. Paula Edwardes, the sprightly little comedienne, is dancing and singing her way into the hearts of the folk who have followed her career in previous Casino successes and also in various of the productions of the late Augustin Daly.

Written by the authors of "Erminie," Jakobowski and Paulton (American version by Frederic Ranken and Gustave Kerker), "Winsome Winnie" is a medley of song and story, chiefly song. Brigands bad and brigands bold, terrible, torturesome "Turks" and budding, blushing beauty mingle in the gay and handsome throng. As for the plot, suffice it to say that it creeps out from under cover now and again and nods its head as a guarantee of good faith. But really this proceeding is quite unnecessary, for in these latter comic opera days a well developed, full grown plot is deemed superfluous.

"Winsome Winnie" a Success.

The production is a highly successful one, teeming with merry, catchy songs, resplendent in rich colorings, handsomely costumed and, particularly from the opening of the second act to the play's end, exhibits well sustained action. The early portion of the opening act drags somewhat and could be cut to advantage.

"Winsome Winnie" conforms entirely to Casino traditions in the beauty of its chorus girls. Perhaps herein lies the answer to the question of a fair young woman in the audience who asked of the writer: "Why are so many men always seen at the Casino? There are several boxes containing men exclusively. You never find it so in other theaters." Who knows but that the aforementioned traditions have a deal to do with assemblages in the big red brick building of Moorish architecture?

Willfully Wileful Winnie.

Paula Edwardes is here and there, everywhere. Roguishly coquettish and willfully wileful, she pirouettes about exactly as a real American soubrette would really do if suddenly transplanted into the very heart of a real foreign land where innkeepers and other brigands are on the alert to seize opportunities. (I use the word seize advisedly.)

Miss Edwardes is seen in the best work of her career. There is "something doing" all the time when she is on the stage. Certain of her lines which from other tongues would fall with a sound like unto that of unsupported dough strike humorous keynotes and bring forth storms of laughter.

Winsome Winnie Walker, a soubrette from the United States stranded in Montenegro with a box of papier mache SNaIX, first comes into view as she climbs over the sea wall in Cattaro and plumps her dainty feet down on the flagging of the boat landing. "Well, this isn't the first time I've come in with the tide," she remarks as she steps forward, and from that moment she keeps her hearers in good humor.

Winnie's Plight.

Having had "nothing to eat for three days—yesterday, today and—tomorrow 'll be the third," Winnie seeks to earn a few centimes by exhibiting her trained reptiles to the vulgar multitude. One is "a green garter snake with a diamond buckle," another is an accordion plaited anaconda from Montana and a third is a viper with a fondness for lurking in the bottom of the pen, "a regular pen-viper." Oh, dear, oh, dear!

Meeting a heterogeneous party of tourists from the impecunious Lord Poverish's yacht Anita, Winnie accepts a proposition to pose as Marjorie Bell, the wealthy ward of the penniless lord, this young lady (Marjorie) desiring to play a humble role to ascertain whether or not Desmond, the son of Lord Poverish, would love her for herself alone and not for her money. Winnie wins Desmond for herself, although, as W. P. Carleton enacted the role, there was nothing in particular in Desmond to admire. He appeared to vie with Jolyna Howland in being as wooden and as stagy as possible.

Winnie is captured by Brigands (with a colossal B, if you please, Mr. Printer). Led by Pericles (excellently acted by Joseph C. Miron), who as a side line to his highwayman trade operates the aptly named Plucked Pigeon inn, the ignoble wretches imprison her in a second edition of the Bastille, from which Desmond finally releases her.

Of the many songs a pronounced hit is "They're Looking For Me," by Ranken and Kerker.

Joseph Miron's Climax.

Miron brings down the house in "The Montenegrin Patrol," a stirring song with a "brazen bandit" chorus. Paulton and Jakobowski are responsible for this number. Miron interjects considerable animation into the song, and the whole effect, with the mysterious movements of the bandit band, is enjoyable.

James E. Sullivan as Dr. Krause, a Weberfieldian type of Dutchman, and William S. Corliss as Demetrius, a victim of dipsomania, who assists Pericles, are very amusing. Helen Redmond as Aileen Poverish is sweet and gracious. She sings with charm in tone and presence. Isobel Hall as Marjorie Bell is likewise good. As I have before intimated, Jolyna Howland is a discordant note through her lack of ease and grace. Fortunately for "Winsome Winnie," her role is unimportant. Carleton bends backward so stiffly from the waist that one is led to assume that he fears that his great importance will not be fully appreciated by the mere mortals "in front."

Marie Tempest In a Storm of Humor.

Back with us once more after her London experiences, Marie Tempest in "The Marriage of Kitty" at the Hudson theater appears as a comedienne this time instead of in the role of a prima donna of comic opera. She has made the change with great eclat and is undoubtedly giving us one of the best of the season's dishes on the dramatic menu.

Translated from the French of Fred Gresac and F. de Croisset by Cosmo Gordon Lennox, the play, in the original coarse and risque, is not distinctfully Gallic in its present form. It sparkles, effervesces, schittillates with humor, at times "spicy," 'tis true, but no suggestion of vulgarity is at any time conveyed.

A close second in the race for honors is Leonard Boyne in the role of a stupid but good natured and withal lovable baronet, Sir Reginald Belsize. Mr. Boyne scored more heavily than any other actor I have ever seen outside of a leading role. An Englishman, he has not been seen here for about ten years, when he appeared in "The Prodigal Daughter."

Kitty's Multitudinous Weddings.

"The Marriage of Kitty" had a run of 350 nights in London. In this case at least American opinion will be shown to coincide with that of the motherland that was. Kitty is due for a long succession of marriages over here.

The Play as It Unfolds.

Miss Katherine Silverton (Miss Tempest) is left a moneyless orphan at the tender age of twenty-nine. Seeking employment, she visits her godfather, a legal luminary. To the lawyer's office have also repaired Sir Reginald and Mme. de Semiano, the latter a Peruvian widow. Sir Reggie has fallen heir to his uncle's large fortune. It will become his if he does not marry this particular widow. They love each other, but they also "need the money." They seek a legal solution of the problem.

The lawyer suggests that he marry another woman, later on divorce her and then marry the Peruvian dame. She says she has no objection to the plan so long as the temporary bride is not too good looking. Sir Reggie also consents. The couple are kept in an anteroom. In the inner office Kitty is transformed into Mrs. Katherine Silverton, a widow of uncertain age. Kitty's hair is twisted into a plait, her waist line suffers a severe dislocation, and she caps the operation by appropriating the lawyer's goggles.

Mrs. Silverton weds the baronet. A year afterward the bride and bridegroom meet at Lake Geneva in a villa. The baronet and the bona fide widow had come there for the purpose of arranging for his divorce from Kitty. Sir Reggie falls desperately in love with his wife. The Widow de Semiano has an attack of hysterics, and during the remainder of the play screamingly ludicrous episodes transpire.

Frederick Trigallas.

New York.

LEONARD BOYNE, THE ENGLISH ACTOR, NOW IN "THE MARRIAGE OF KITTY."

BASKET BALL HISTORY.

Hundreds of young men are now playing basket ball who probably have but a vague idea regarding its origin or realize that for so young a sport it has had a most unusual career. Started first as a game for members of the gymnasium classes of Young Men's Christian associations, it has now attracted the attention of all classes of athletes, as is seen from the scores of associations that now exist, including intercollegiate, interscholastic, Christian associations and even professional.

Basket ball had its birthday in Springfield, Mass., eleven years ago. Dr. James Naismith has been given the unquestioned honor of inventing it, for it was an invention pure and simple. Unlike baseball, football, hockey, golf and other sports, it was not evolved into its present standard through years of growth with gradual improvements, but leaped with one bound into its present position. The method of playing the game today and its rules differ only in the merest details from the first games played eleven years ago.

Dr. James Naismith brought out the game while he was an instructor in the Young Men's Christian association training school in Springfield. Dr. Luther Gulick, who is now in Brooklyn, was also an instructor in the school at the same time, and he had a share in bringing the game to perfection. He has always maintained an unflagging interest in the sport and is the chairman of the basket ball committee of the Amateur Athletic union.

The game was the result of a general demand at that time for something which should present new features in regular gymnasium work and fill other requirements for the necessary physical instruction in the training school. The new game, whatever it might be, was obliged to stand a severe test, for seven requirements were demanded of it—namely, a game that could be played on any kind of ground, a game that could be played by a large number of men at once, a game that should be so attractive that men would like to play it for its own sake, a game that should have little or none of the reputed roughness of Rugby or association football, a game easy to learn and a game scientific enough to be interesting to older players.

KEENE'S RACING PLANS.

James R. Keene has decided to race no more in England. He and his son Foxhall have arranged to break up their English stable, and their colors will be seen no more in the classic stakes in that country. News came from abroad that such a move was being made by the famous millionaire, but it was at first denied.

Mr. Keene was seen recently, and he confirmed the cabled reports. He said his stable had been mismanaged in England and that he would close his racing affairs there as soon as possible. Mr. Keene said:

"It is true that I will sell some of my horses that are in England and bring the rest back to America in the near future. I have not decided whether I will send more yearlings there next year.

"My trainer, Matthew Allen, has made a mess of it over there, but will do better here. He as well as other American trainers get lost in England in a multitude of perplexities that beset them on the English turf. He was unaccustomed to training methods suitable to the English climate, and for a time at least I will have no horses there."

Mr. Keene's name has been prominent in English racing since his advent there in 1879 or 1880, and his winning several big races and the Grand Prix in Paris with his horse Foxhall in 1881 are still well remembered. His training quarters at Primrose House and stables at Newmarket, which he leased from Lord Rosebery, are among the best appointed in existence.

ANDERSON A WRESTLER.

John Anderson, who covered first base for the St. Louis Browns last season and who will be in the line-up of the New York Americans next year, has branched out as a wrestler. He recently stayed thirty minutes with Lundin, the Swedish champion.

SUCCESSFUL SIRES.

Gambetta Wilkes, Baron Wilkes and Brown Hal have each eleven 2:10 performers. The dead stallion Online has four new 2:10 performers to his credit this year.

SPORTING DOINGS

Champion Mike Egan and His Handball Book

The Ryan-O'Brien Fight. Kid McCoy. A Long Auto Tour

THE ancient and honorable game of handball has never been more popular than at present, and the day has come when a gymnasium is considered incomplete without one or two of the inclosed courts in which it is played. Until a few years ago handball was generally considered a means for developing the activity of pugilists in training. Soon, however, the merits of the exercise involved in the game attracted the attention of athletically inclined people of every sort, and the sport was widely adopted. Handball is a splendid all around developer, and as it can be enjoyed by schoolboys and aged men alike it is no wonder that its vogue has spread.

The game has been brought to its highest degree of development by professionals, and in many cities splendid courts have been erected, in which the public may view exhibitions and also compete if they desire.

Mike Egan.

The leading professional in this country is Mike Egan, holder of the world's championship title. Egan, after defeating the strongest players in the United States, journeyed to Ireland last summer and was victorious over the ablest exponents of the game in the Emerald Isle.

Egan has reduced handball to a science. He is a marvel of agility and endurance, and his muscular development is nothing short of wonderful. His back and shoulders show bunches of power giving tissue that would indicate that he possesses the strength of a Sandow. He drives the ball with the velocity of a bullet, and woe be unto the unwary opponent hit by the speeding spheroid.

Egan Has Written a Book.

In a well written book recently published for Egan, "The Official Handball Guide," the champion relates some interesting facts about his favorite pastime and also gives valuable instruction relative to the playing of the game. He says in part:

"The game of handball is undoubtedly of Celtic origin, and the proof of the assertion rests with the fact that wherever this nomadic race has set foot only there will be found traces of the pastime. The earliest authentic mention of handball, according to the annals of Ireland, occurs in the year 3370 A. M., or 1,879 years prior to the Christian era. This was in connection with the Tailten games inaugurated by Ere, the last king of the Firbolgs, in honor of his daughter-in-law, Tailte. As to the particular style in which the game was played it is now impossible to accurately determine, but from the meager accounts of the early chroniclers, no walls were used, but the ball was tossed from hand to hand. * * *

"It is altogether uncertain at what period handball was introduced into England; but, like the Greeks, the early inhabitants of Albion copied it from the Celts. In the museum of Trinity college, Oxford, there is a fourteenth century manuscript containing a life of St. Cuthbert. It says of him that when he was young 'he pleyde atte handeballe with the children that his fellows were.' * * *

Handball In France.

"The French were introduced to the game rather early and called it palm play. It was played by the naked hand, but afterward with a glove, which in some instances was lined with soft material. Afterward the French bound cords and tendons around their hands to make the ball rebound more forcibly. In the reign of Charles V. the game was exceedingly fashionable in France, being played by the nobility for large sums of money. * * *

"Of course a regulation court and a regulation ball are necessary for a proper display of the game, but I would advise every one before tackling these propositions to learn how to strike the ball and the method of placing it. Any kind of a wall with a smooth surface will answer this purpose, and instead of a regular playing ball use a hollow rubber, lawn tennis or any other light ball. The regular ball is apt to hurt your hands because you do not know how to hit it properly, and when the hands are hurt you become disheartened and claim that the game is too severe. But there can be no such thing as injured hands if you proceed along the lines stated above.

Use Both Hands.

"In speaking of hands, I mean both the right and left. The right, of course, is oftener used, and it is only natural for a right handed person to play with that hand in preference to the left, but unless you can use one as well as the other, outside of serving, there is no use trying to become a successful player. There is no great difficulty in becoming as proficient with the left as with the right, especially for a beginner, and I would advise every one to practice with the left as often as possible and never attempt to complete a left handed play with the right. I am sorry to say that there are entirely too many of our prominent players who are essentially right handed. They get along very well so long as they can hit the ball with the right hand, but a heady player will soon find out their weakness, and certain defeat will be the result. * * *

"Now we come to serving the ball. Stand firmly on the feet, bound the ball straight so that you can have a good whack at it at the height of the waist, and, with the hand scoop shaped, with fingers tightly closed, swing with an underhand motion and put the weight of the body behind the blow. You must bring the ball out from the wall beyond the ace line, or it is a short ball, and if you do the same thing three times in succession in a game against an opponent you lose your hands. It's best to start in right away to try and hit the ball as far from the front wall as possible. You may not succeed very well at first, but if you keep at it you are bound to find out your faults, and when you become successful with a light ball you cannot fail to go wrong with a regular handball. * * *

"A good server is one thing, but a clever all round player is another. Many persons make service a specialty. This is not handball by any means. Of course effective tossing is very necessary, but unless you know the other points of the game you will never make a successful match player."

Ryan and "Philadelphia Jack."

Now that Tommy Ryan and "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien have been matched pugilistic sharps are looking forward to what should prove one of the most interesting fights of the times. These men are undoubtedly the leading middleweights of the world, leaving Bob Fitzsimmons out of consideration, and both are of the class of fighters who combine advanced cleverness with hard hitting.

O'Brien naturally rules favorite in the coming bout. He has won a large number of battles at home and in England, and he seems to be at the zenith of his career.

Ryan's record is well known. He defeated Jack Dempsey, Kid Lavigne, Billy Stift (twice), Paddy Gorman, Tommy West (twice), Kid Carter, Billy Smith, fought one draw with Kid McCoy, losing his first and third fights with the Hoosier, and knocked out a score of lesser lights. He is accounted one of the fastest and cleverest men in the ring when at his best, and it remains to be seen whether or not he has "gone back" to such an extent that O'Brien will find him an "easy mark." O'Brien's followers state unhesitatingly that, owing to his present poor condition, Ryan has no chance whatever against the Quakertown scrapper.

Kid McCoy In Training.

Kid McCoy is now busily attending to getting into shape again. He does two or three hours of light work in a well known New York gymnasium every day and says that he believes that he will gradually regain his old time form and speed.

McCoy says: "I am going to keep pegging away for six months, increasing the severity of my work as the time passes. I am fat and slow now, but the improvement I have shown in my first few weeks of light training encourages me greatly. Next spring I will be in good shape, I am sure, and then will challenge all comers in my class."

McCoy is taking what might be termed an advanced course in physical culture in the gymnasium in question. After boxing a few rounds with his former sparring partner, Billy Elmer, he takes on Tommy Shortell, the New York middleweight, and then dallies with a rowing machine, exercises with dumbbells and rides a few miles on a stationary cycling machine.

Smathers' Long Auto Tour.

E. E. Smathers, the millionaire owner of thoroughbreds, trotters and pacers, is the expansionist extraordinary of the sporting world. Not content with possessing some of the leading light harness horses, he started a thoroughbred stable by purchasing McChesney, the western champion, and other stars of the running turf. Later he picked up a few more trotters, including Major Delmar, Lou Dillon's rival, and now he purposes to indulge himself in an automobile tour of the world. Mr. Smathers will soon start on this trip, which will cause a transcontinental expedition to look like a three minute ride on a bobtail horse car.

With a party of three or four friends, Mr. Smathers will tour America, Europe, Asia and Africa. The expedition starts in the middle of January and will last four months. This tour will be the longest on record.

HARRY GRANT.

CHAMPION JAMES J. JEFFRIES, FROM HIS LATEST PHOTOGRAPH.

Champion Jeffries, having defeated every pugilist in America in his class, is now seriously considering a plan to go to South Africa and Australia in search of matches. Other American fighters in years gone have made money in fights in these countries, and Jeffries believes that he can do likewise.

HUNTING THE CARIBOU.

A grand old denizen of the forest is the caribou, the quest of hundreds of huntsmen who enjoy the shooting of one of the wariest members of the deer family. The caribou was once found in Pennsylvania and Connecticut, but now is almost extinct in this country, being found only in northern Maine and the Rocky mountains. In parts of Canada he is still to be had in comparatively large numbers, and the caribou hunting season is now at its height. Parties of Nimrods invade northern Maine and Canada every year, and he who returns with a pair of antlers from one of these animals "brought down" by his own rifle is accounted one of the luckiest of mortals.

A CARIBOU HUNTER READY FOR THE CHASE.

JOE JEFFERSON'S LATEST.

Joseph Jefferson tells a new story of dramatic "business" in the earlier days of the Walnut Street theater in Philadelphia. "Camille" was being played, and all was going with intensity. Then came a scene between Camille and Armand, in the course of which a servant was to enter with lights.

"In those days," says Mr. Jefferson, "sea island cotton was stage ice cream, just as molasses and water was stage wine, sherry or port, according to the proportion of molasses. Armand and Camille were seated at the table where they had been enjoying such viands as these, and their dialogue was making the very best sort of an impression on a crowded house. Then in came that maid servant with the wabbliest sort of a candelabrum. The scene was so engrossing that she was scarcely noticed, but when she set down her burden between the lovers and one candle topped out and put the ice cream in a blaze, well, the strain was broken. The entire audience burst into a laugh, and the curtain had to be rung down."

PRICE OF SUGAR

Not Likely to be Much Less

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Sharps who figure out the capacities of nations tell us that the American stomach will call for 2,4000,000 tons of sugar in the coming year. This is an increase of 150,000 to 200,000 tons over the consumption of this year.

Cane sugar from Porto Rico, Louisiana, Hawaii and the beet sugar product of the United States will provide 900,000 tons produced within our customs territory. Of the estimated Cuban crop of 975,000 tons probably 900,000 tons will be shipped to the United States, because the differential of 20 per cent. of the duty provided for in the reciprocity treaty, will bring that crop to this market.

For the remaining 600,000 tons we must go elsewhere, either to the cane sugar product of Java or the beet sugar countries, Germany, France and Austria. Under the stimulus of bounty, Germany now produces three times the quantity of sugar that she consumes, France twice her home supply and Austria and Russia a large surplus. This excess production is marketed in England, Norway, Sweden, Spain and the colonies held by those countries which produce little sugar.

"While American labor costs twice as much as foreign labor, I don't see how we are going to compete with the beet sugar countries," said a sugar baron recently. "That is why, with a protective tariff of $33 a ton on sugar, we still go abroad for most of ours, I don't know who will get the benefit of the reduction in duty on the Cuban crop, but I fancy it will not make sugar any cheaper to the fellow who buys ten pounds at a time from the corner grocery. The Cuban plantation owner will probably get the difference, and it is understood that the American Sugar Refining company is the largest owner there.

"Up to about nine years ago producing beet sugar in Germany was the same as owning a gold mine. The government paid a bounty of one-fourth of a cent a pound. It established bonded warehouses right at the factories so that when a man had a hundred barrels of sugar ready for the market he just put it in the warehouse, got a certificate from the government and turned the certificate into the bank, borrowing money on it.

"By this system the man with a small capital was able to do a tremendous business on government credit. The sugar makers got rich so quickly that the government abolished the warehouse certificate, though continuing the bounty. Whenever a German ships a hundred pounds of sugar abroad he gets 25 cents bounty. To offset this, our tariff provided that sugar from bounty-paying countries should pay that bounty as well as the regular duty.

"Russia also pays a bounty, but it is figured in a complex way with the idea of escaping the penalty in the customs of the importing countries. That question was tried out at length before the board of general appraisers.

"Practically all the sugar we import comes in the state called by the trade '96 test,' about equal to the best brown sugar. With the duty of $1.67 paid, 96 test costs $3.75 a hundredweight. The testimony of the refiners is that it costs 62c a hundredweight to refine it, so that at the current price of standard granulated there is a mighty small margin of profit.

"Seven pounds out of every hundred is lost in refining, or rather changed than lost. The refiner gets out of that seven pounds four pounds of syrup and three pounds of a residue which has little value.

"I believe that outside of the United States sugar can be produced for two cents a pound, but with the wages that labor commands here we cannot make cheap sugar."

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TOUGH PARODY

Undid Lover of Childhood's Poem

It very rarely happens that Deputy Welch allows a story to go by the board without "tipping" the reporters, providing, of course, that the story does not conflict with the workings of the department, but somehow or other the genial deputy forgot the reporters Thursday afternoon and it was by mere accident that The Sun's police reporter got "next" to the following happening at the bastile on the afternoon before Christmas.

About 4.30 o'clock a young man of devious and uncertain gait walked into the station house and reeled off the following story to the deputy:

"My brother is responsible for this. After the way he treated me this morning I just had to get drunk. I'm fond of poetry and he isn't. My favorite poem begins, 'Twas the night before Christmas.' I tell you, Mr. Officer, that's the finest poetry ever written. My brother knows how I love that poem, and you can bet he never misses a chance to jolly me about it.

"This morning he draped himself over the foot of my bed and began a recitation. I wouldn't have cared about that, but he had the nerve to hand me a parody of the most sacred poem of my childhood. What do you think of this?

"'Twas the night before Christmas,
When all through the flat
Not a creature was stirring—not even the cat.
Dear father was hung in the chimney with care,
And a man with a bigger jag never was there."

"When he got as far as that, I threw him out. A man who would make fun of the sacred poem of your childhood is a vandal. That's what he is; and, anyhow, father don't drink."

The fellow undone by a parody was shown to a cell and after he had slept off the effects of his brother's unkindness was allowed to go his way.

"I wish you a merry Christmas," said the keeper.

"O, that'll be all right," said the lover of poetry.

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ROAD NEVER BEFORE KILLED PASSENGER

Officials Found No Evidence of Carelessness

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 28.—Last night the death list resulting from the head-on collision between two Pere Marquette passenger trains near East Paris early Saturday evening, stood at 22, with 29 persons injured, several of them probably fatally.

Eighteen bodies have been identified. The bodies of four men are at the morgue here awaiting identification.

The identified dead are:

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Baldwin, Mulliken, Mich.

Louis Baldwin, their son, Mullken, Mich.

Lester Williams, Lansing, Mich.

Mrs. Daisy Giles, Lowell, Mich.

Bart Myers, Grandville or Lake Odessa, Mich.

Walter Jordan, Grand Rapids.

Joseph Hull, colored, Windsor, Ont.

Austin Wagar, Detroit, baggageman.

Charles A. Stoddard, Detroit, engineer.

Charles A. Devine, Grand Rapids.

William Helmrich, Detroit, baggageman.

C. M. Gillett, Burr Oak or Portland, Mich.

Allen H. Wells, Big Rapids, Mich.

Frank Burns, Detroit, fireman.

Peter W. Wierenge, Grand Rapids.

George Palmer, Detroit, American express agent.

William Smith, Saranac, Mich.

Among the injured are engineer Frank Waterman of Detroit, conductor George Niel of Grand Rapids, Harry Marcus, president of the E. H. Marcus company, of New York; mail clerk C. N. Botsford of Farmington, Mich., and Rev. James Humphrey, pastor of the church of Christ, at Lansing, Mich.

WORST IN ROAD'S HISTORY.

It was the most disastrous wreck in the history of the Pere Marquette system, and instead of being caused by man's carelessness or mistake, is charged to the high wind which extinguished the red signal light in the order board at McCord's station, where the west-bound train was expected to stop and to receive new orders. Two minutes before the train rushed by McCord's the light was burning says the operator there, but in that brief interval the blizzard that was raging extinguished it and train No. 5 ran by the station to crash into east-bound train No. 6 at East Paris.

The trains, which were two of the finest on the system, were reduced to a promiscuous pile of broken and twisted timber and metal, with dead and injured pinned down and crushed by the fragments of the heavy cars.

Five cars and two large locomotives were jammed into a space ordinarily occupied by three coaches and the wreckage was strewn across the railroad right of way fom fence to fence.

When train No. 5 bound west whizzed by McCord's instead of stopping the frightened operator notified the dispatcher, and then found that his red light had been extinguished. He reported the fact and that a collision was inevitable.

The dispatcher's office called for medical aid, and gave orders to hold the train over the Saginaw branch at the station and get the wrecking outfit under steam. They then waited for the word they knew must come.

COLLISION INEVITABLE.

There was no chance of the fast running trains to see each other through the driving blizzard in time to even slow down and in a few minutes word came from the conductor of No. 5 that they had crashed together and there was an awful loss of life.

The two trains were in collision about the middle of a long, sweeping curve, three-quarters of a mile west of East Paris. On the inner side of the curve is a high embankment, preventing a view of the track ahead. When the engines met, one turned completely over and lay headed in a direction opposite to that in which it had been traveling. The other climbed the wreckage of the first, its boiler torn from the trucks, standing erect in the centre of the debris.

The boiler of engine No. 307 turned over several times, and the very force of the twisting impact seems to have been the means of saving the life of Engineer Waterman. He was flung 40 feet over the fence at the edge of the right of way. E. B. Moon, his fireman, was sitting on the opposite side of the cab, and he, too, was thrown clear of the pile of wreckage.

As the trains came together the steamer domes of each boiler blew off, releasing their contents, else there would have been added horrors from the blistering steam. The smoker on No. 6 was swept clean as the mail car telescoped its entire length, and in turn it crashed several feet into the parlor car. It was at the rear end of the smoker and forward end of the cafe car where the passengers were killed or injured. From a space six feet square the bodies of two women, a boy and a man were taken out.

The west-bound flyer, with its heavy bulkheaded cars, stayed on the rails, back of the baggage and mail cars, and the passengers in this train escaped serious injury. As one man they rushed from the train to assist the less fortunate ones on the train from this city. Many stripped warm overcoats from their backs and covered the suffering injured as they were borne to the less shattered cars of No. 5 into the remains of the parlor car of No. 6. Nearby farmers, hearing the crash, turned out with blankets and did valient service.

HAD NEVER KILLED A PASSENGER.

According to statements made by officials of the Pere Marquette, the west-bound train was travelling down grade at the rate of 60 miles an hour. The east-bound train was climbing the hill at a speed of 40 miles an hour. The former carried probably 75 passengers, while the latter is believed to have been carrying at least 125 persons.

General Supt. Smith interviewed operator Booth at McCord's Saturday night, and said yesterday:

"I have no reason to doubt the statement of Booth that his light was burning two minutes before No. 5 passed McCord's and that the wind extinguished it. He is an old operator and has been in the employ of the road several years.

"This is the first wreck in which the Pere Marquette ever killed a passenger on its own train. The road has killed passengers on other trains, persons at crossings and employes, but never before has it killed outright or fatally injured a passenger of its own."

Coroner Hiller impanelled a jury yesterday and the remains of the dead were viewed. The jury adjourned till after Jan. 1.

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TO AUSTRALIA

Dowie Bids Good By to Adherents

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Preparatory to leaving for Australia John Alexander Dowie bade farewell to his Chicago adherents at a meeting in the auditorium yesterday. After an all-night "watch meeting" in Zion City New Year's eve Dowie will leave for New Orleans and will travel to San Francisco, via the Southwestern route, stopping at various large cities enroute. He intends to sail from San Francisco Jan. 11 and counts on being back in Chicago next June.

"I am going to leave everything in Zion City and not steal away with either the laws works or the temple," said Dowie. "That was a malicious lie about my wife taking away $7,000,000, but I'm foolish to deny it again. I will only take with me enough cash for spending money."

Several times in the course of his remarks Dowie spoke in a friendly manner of President Roosevelt, and in his prayer asked that Mr. Roosevelt's enemies be circumvented and forestalled in carrying out their mischievous plans.

PURSE OF GOLD

MR. JOHN P. BREEN REMEMBERED BY WEAVERS.

Mr. John P. Breen, the popular section hand in the ingrain weave room of the Higlow carpet company, received a Christmas gift in the form of a substantial purse of gold from his weavers last Thursday evening. That Mr. Breen is held in high esteem by his weavers is demonstrated by the fact that for several years past he has received similar gifts. Mr. Breen thanked his weavers in a neat little speech.

SUES THE UNION

PLUMBER WAS ATTACKED AND BEATEN.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 28.—E. M. Black, a plumber who was attacked and badly beaten by union strikers for continuing at work after a strike had been declared, has sued the building trades council as an organization and individual members of the council for damages for assault. The purpose is to establish a precedent by holding labor organizations and individual members responsible for damages inflicted in furtherance of a strike.

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Holly, Mistletoe and the Christmas Tree Bequeathed to Us by Pagan Nations of the Distant Past

MANY there be who affirm that Christmas is not Christmas if the holly and the mistletoe be missing. From time immemorial both have been closely associated with the Yuletide celebration, and truly the deep green leaves and scarlet berries of the holly, combined with the sedate but more significant mistletoe, add zest to the enjoyment of the day. The Christmas plum pudding itself appears bereft of its best friend if it repose on the festal board minus a decorative garland of holly. Centuries of use and centuries of tradition have given the holly and the mistletoe the prominence which, in the eyes of those who know what an old fashioned Christmas means, they richly deserve.

Authorities are agreed that the use of both as a Christmas decoration is of great antiquity. In the case of the holly it is affirmed that it is probably the continuation of a custom which prevailed among the Romans of pre-Christian years, the old Latins holding the holly in such high esteem that it was woven into wreaths at weddings as a symbol of good will toward the newly married pair. The ancient Teutons also made a significant use of the holly, and the chances are that it was from them that the Christian idea of decorating the house with holly at Christmastide originated. They hung up in their dwelling places branches of evergreens, among which the holly predominated, as places of shelter for the fairies during the cold winter months. The superstition in certain districts that it is unlucky to bring holly into the house before Christmas eve is possibly a survival of this pretty pagan fancy.

All manner of superstitions, in truth, cluster about both holly and mistletoe. For instance, in the counties of Worcestershire and Hertfordshire, in England, sprigs of the holly which have been used in the decoration of the parish church are carried home by the head of each household and carefully preserved in the belief that they will bring good luck during the ensuing year. Another superstition is connected with an interesting peculiarity of the European holly, the fact that whenever the shrub attains the dignity of a tree the lower leaves alone exhibit sharp points, the upper leaves being "smooth and unarmed," as the poet Southey has put it. The simple people of the countryside call the smooth variety "she holly" and the spiny form "he holly" and avet that great care must be taken to see that the latter predominates in the Christmas decorations, else the head of the household will assuredly be its mistress, not its master.

The use of the mistletoe is commonly accredited to a Druidical custom, but antiquarians believe that, so far as the practice of "kissing under the mistletoe" is concerned, we must look further back, so far back, indeed, as the days of the ancient Babylonians, when a man who was lucky enough to catch a maiden under the mystic bough was entitled not only to kiss her, but to make her his wife. In this connection it may be said that there are very few who hang the mistletoe nowadays in the manner prescribed by ancient usage. Two hoops twined with evergreens should be suspended, interlaced, from the center of the ceiling or chandelier, while the mistletoe amid a cluster of small rosy apples hangs in the middle of the hoops. And it ought not to be forgotten, according to an old superstition, that bad luck will surely follow if the mistletoe fall from the place where it has been hung.

The primeval Britons looked upon the pearly berries as symbolic of purity and associated them closely with marriage rites. They also supposed them to be endowed with great medicinal virtue, in addition to having a sacred significance by reason of growing upon oaks, the tree which the Britons venerated. The gathering of the mistletoe at Yuletide was accompanied by much pomp and ceremony, the Britons, led by their priests, the Druids, marching in procession through the forests and offering up sacrifices of bulls and at times human beings when they arrived at the spot where the mistletoe was hanging in abundance. The boughs were then distributed as a gift from heaven to cure all ills and to insure the prosperity of the fortunate recipients.

The old time Teutons also revered the mistletoe, holding it as sacred to Balder, the sun god, son of the Scandinavian Venus, Freya. About it they wove a very interesting legend. Balder, it appears, predicted that he would soon be slain, and his mother, in alarm, made animals, plants and minerals swear not to injure him. Unluckily, she overlooked the mistletoe, and when this fact was discovered by Hoeder, the blind god of strength, he formed a pointed wand of mistletoe and with it pierced Balder to the heart, causing his instant death. Hoeder did not escape just punishment, for he was imprisoned in a cave with a serpent, perishing miserably. When he died, so runs the legend, the whole earth was shaken as by an earthquake.

Of the two the holly is used much more extensively as a Christmas decoration, if only for the reason that it is easier to obtain, especially in America. While mistletoe grows in this country, the berries are small, and the plant is not so well adapted to decorative purposes as is the imported article, which comes from England, Norway and France. It is expensive, crates two feet square bringing from $6 to $25 apiece, according to the quality and size of the berries. Holly, on the other hand, grows abundantly in several sections of the country, the greater part of that employed for Christmas decorations being found in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Alabama. It is sold at retail by the branch and in wreaths, the wholesale price being $2 to $5 a crate, the quality of the berries and the freshness of the leaves being the determining factor in the price.

The Christmas tree itself, it might be added, has a romantic history. Its usage as part of the Christmas festival comes to us direct from Germany, but a similar festival with a tree as a component part is observed in many heathen countries and by some is said to date back to the days of the sun worshipers. The Chinese used to decorate a tree with lamps and place it in the royal audience chamber so far back as the third century before the Christian era, but the custom is now obsolete. A somewhat similar practice, however, may still be observed in Japan.

The custom of using candles on the Christmas tree is not associated with the Scandinavians and Norsemen, as is by some supposed, for the hardy men of the north did not possess such luxuries, contenting themselves with pine knot torches and the glow of their log fires. The candle custom may safely be ascribed to the Roman feast called the saturnalia, a feast in honor of the god Saturn, lasting sometimes for a fortnight and beginning about the 19th of December. During this celebration candles were employed not only for decorative and illuminating purposes, but as gifts from friend to friend, tokens of brightness, cheerfulness and good will.

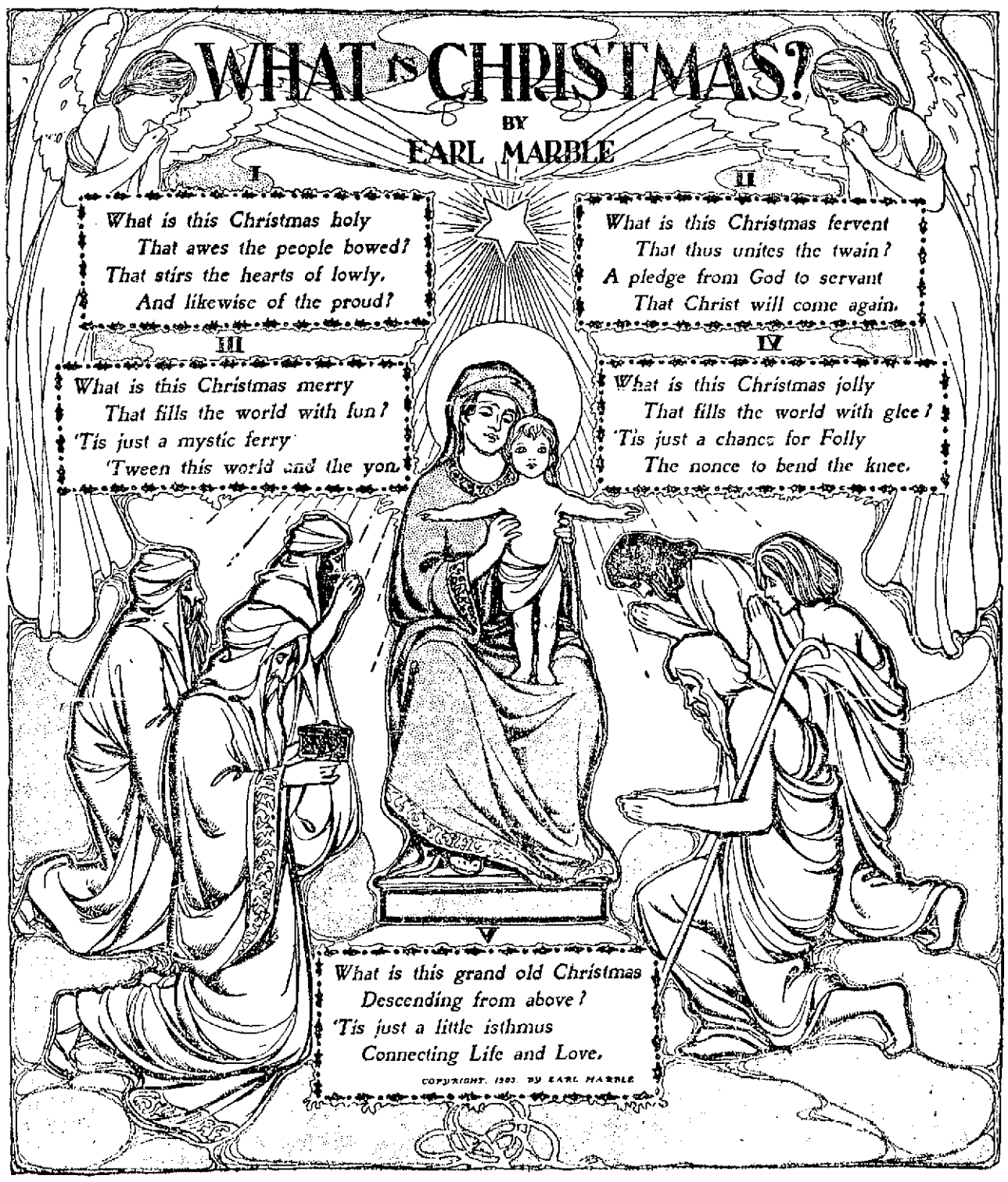
It is said that not less than 4,000,000 Christmas trees are used in the United States alone. Like so much else, they bring prices varying with size and quality, and while little fellows can be bought for half a dollar, the giants ranging from fifteen to eighteen feet high command as much as $50 apiece. These prices, of course, are city market prices, since in the country the Christmas tree can usually be obtained by going out into the woods and cutting it down.

It is interesting to note that the pagan origin of so many of our Christmas customs rendered them distasteful to many sects and denominations of Christians, and to this day there are not wanting those who object to the jollity that characterizes the celebration of the nativity. The followers of Calvin and the Puritans were especially strenuous in their opposition to the introduction of pagan ideas and would not tolerate the use of trees, evergreens and the Yule log. The pilgrim fathers themselves declined to recognize Christmas as a day to be set apart for rejoicing and on the Christmas of the year that they landed in America worked resolutely all day long at their accustomed tasks, glorying in their nonobservance of the superstitious customs that had been adopted by their fellow Christians.

It must not be forgotten that the early church fathers and missionaries themselves tried at first to induce the heathen among whom they labored to abandon their customs and festivals, but their efforts were vain, and finding that the pagans would reject Christianity in toto rather than relinquish all that they held dear, the missionaries rightly deemed it wiser to permit the continuance of harmless observances which would not impede the progress of the work of spreading the gospel. Thus the customs themselves were enabled to survive, while the religions with which they were associated gradually died out.

So far as the actual celebration of Christmas itself is concerned, it appears to be a fact that it was not until about 400 years after the death of Christ that any one day was universally set apart by the Christian world to honor as his birthday. Indeed, a century passed after his death before there was any general attempt at a celebration. Then there was great diversity of opinion as to the day which should be observed. Some chose the 1st and others the 6th of January; others, again, thought that the proper day was in March, about the time of the Jewish Passover; still others observed the feast in September, on the same day as the Jewish feast of tabernacles. The 19th of April and the 29th of May were also observed in different communities as the birthday of the Saviour. With the beginning of the 4th century, however, it was generally accepted that the feast ought to fall on the 25th of December, and its formal establishment as the right day for celebrating the nativity followed.

CHANNING A. BARTOW.



A PECULIAR COMMODITY.

The exceedingly high prices often asked and paid for butterflies are rendered possible by the extreme uncertainty of the market. There is no means of knowing how long a butterfly will remain a rarity. It may continue unique for a quarter of a century or it may become common in the course of a few months. A case in point is that of a beautiful blue butterfly from Brazil. When the first specimens of this butterfly were sent to England years ago they sold readily for $50 or more apiece. Since then, however, collectors have sent it there in numbers, and the price has fallen to $1. Butterflies are by no means the only insects for which a market exists. Of late years private collectors have developed an interest in all kinds of quaint and curious creatures, such as scorpions, beetles and spiders. Perhaps the grandest insect known is the huge west African Goliath beetle. Sixty-eight years ago a writer described this remarkable insect from a single example preserved in the Hunterian museum at Glasgow. Today the insect is exported from the Kameruns literally by the hundred specimens packed in sawdust like grapes or oranges. The great size of these specimens—large ones measure as much as four and one-half inches from head to tail—has made them popular as curiosities.

LAZY ANGLERS.

Tamhelan is one of a group of islands near the island of Rhio, which, like it, is under Dutch rule, and, being but a short distance from Singapore, the capital of the Straits Settlements, is frequently visited by holiday seekers and orchid hunters. The Malays are an indolent race. Here is a single instance: A man has made a few cents by bringing in a small quantity of orchids, and, intending to indulge himself with a good midday meal, we see him in the act of providing his own dinner. He places a stone beneath the shady umbrella of a pakis, or fern, tree, and, having tied two, or sometimes three, lines to his left toe, he falls serenely to sleep and perhaps before he expects it is disturbed by the tug of a fish. You may sometimes see two or three such anglers, but so indifferent are they, however, to the sport that from force of habit they have been known to snore away in placid obliviousness, while the fish they have hooked, or, rather, which have hooked themselves, have been seen dashing and splashing in the water before the natives have taken the slightest trouble to rouse themselves.

SARASATE YET IN HARNESS.

Sarasate, the celebrated violinist, will be sixty next year; but, though the raven curls of twenty years ago are now as white as snow, he has lost nothing of his marvelous skill. When taking his first prize at the Paris conservatoire many years ago he also received a piece of advice, "Sarasate, my son; wed thy violin, but never a woman," and, though some speak of a grave in a little cemetery near his native Pamplona, where his love lies buried, others declare that the master has simply followed out the rule given him thus early in life. At any rate he is still an eligible bachelor who has made $50,000 a year for many years past.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
5.43	8.50	6.00	7.04
6.03	7.40	6.30	7.26
a6.38	7.30	7.55	8.55
6.42	7.53	8.25	9.01
7.01	8.02	e9.00	9.57
a7.24	8.10	e10.00	10.37
7.31	8.50	a10.17	11.34
7.45	8.35	a11.30	12.07
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.56
9.43	10.43	e1.00	1.37
11.03	12.03	2.00	3.01
a11.45	12.25	e3.00	3.57
a12.14	1.00	a3.47	5.00
1.40	2.50	4.14	5.50
a1.55	2.30	a5.00	5.57
a3.03	4.20	5.30	6.26
a3.47	4.30	a5.47	6.54
4.25	5.30	6.14	7.30
a5.22	6.15	e7.30	8.02
a5.44	7.00	e8.00	9.05
a6.22	7.05	10.30	11.34
a7.29	8.10	11.20	12.22

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
a5.32	7.30	9.00	10.00
a7.24	8.10	1.00	1.37
8.45	9.49	5.00	5.58
a8.20	10.15	e7.30	8.08
a4.25	5.30	e8.30	9.08
a5.38	7.00	9.00	10.02

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
6.50	8.00	7.30	8.34
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.32
9.25	10.39	10.45	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.08
12.05	1.39	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.57	3.35	4.55
2.30	3.35	4.50	6.30
3.10	4.10	6.01	7.08
3.55	5.04	6.35	7.48
5.05	6.48	8.53	10.40
6.16	7.16	B11.15	12.15
7.00	8.06		
9.25	10.30		

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
8.15	9.27	8.00	8.17
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.02
4.05	5.18	5.00	5.37
5.50	6.55		
8.00	9.05		

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REV. FR. BLAIS RECOVERED.

Rev. Fr. Blais, O. M. I., the colonizing missionary from Manitoba, who had been ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. Gelinas, of Moody street, for some time, has sufficiently recovered to resume his work in the interest of colonization, and has left for Lewiston, Me., where he is lecturing in the interest of his cause.

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A $36,000 LOAN

Recommended by Appropriations Committee

TO FINISH OUT THE YEAR

Street Department Turns Back $6000

Alderman Derby called a meeting of the appropriations committee to hear from a few of the heads of departments who are in need of more money with which to finish out the year.

The committee voted to recommend a loan of $36,000 approximately to carry the departments through the year. It will require nearly $10,000 more to meet the deficiencies, but several thousand dollars will be turned back into the general treasury fund from unexpended appropriations, the largest amount being $6000 from the street department.

When one of the spectators at the meeting heard Mr. Beals remark that he could turn back more than $6000 he remarked: "Humph! Pat Brady once turned back money and then got one vote on inauguration day for doing it."

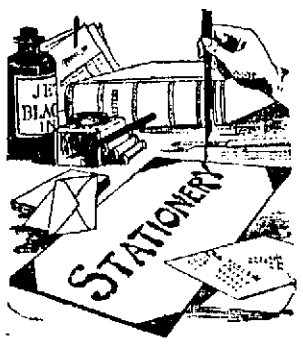
Alderman Derby seemed much worried lest Mr. Beals turn back more than he could afford, but the superintendent assured the committee that he had plenty of money.

Sec. Courtney of the pauper department asked for $8000 more. He said that while no-license had been of benefit to his department, the explosion and the strike combined to increase the cost of the department several thousand dollars.

Supt. Conlon of the buildings department asked for $2000 in order to pay up this year's bills. His predecessor left bills behind him from last year which Mr. Conlon had to pay out of this year's appropriation, hence the deficit.

When all had been heard the committee voted to recommend a loan of $36,000.

The great game of Pit, at The Thompson Hardware Co.



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LOWELL LEADS

Still First in Basket Ball Race

HAVERHILL HAS REACHED SECOND PLACE

Springfield First in the Western League

Lowell still leads in the New England professional basketball league, but Haverhill has passed Concord in the race for second place and now leads that team by 24 points.

Concord started down the ladder when it met Manchester at Concord Wednesday night. For the first time in its history, the home team was defeated on its own floor, and the Queen City players might well feel proud that they were the first to turn the trick. The game was extremely rough, and at times resembled a football match, but Manchester was bound to win, which it did, 21 to 16. Devlin was largely responsible for his team's fine showing, throwing six goals from the floor.

Haverhill started to climb on Christmas, when it took a double-header from the Concord aggregation. The afternoon game was won by the score of 24 to 14 and the evening game 26 to 16.

The reverses met earlier in the week evidently stirred up the Concord players, for when Lowell played there Saturday night the home players treated them unmercifully, defeating them 51 to 12. Kane and Tighe played in fine form, securing nine and eight goals respectively.

The leaders played in good form, winning three of five games. Tuesday Manchester was defeated at Lowell, 32 to 15, and the following night at Haverhill the home team was defeated, 31 to 10. A double-header was played with Manchester on Christmas. In the afternoon at Lowell the home team had to play its limit to win, the score being 20 to 16.

C. H. Bossett, a member of the champion Camden, N. J., team, played center for the visitors. He was pitted against Cairns, and the home player had the best of the argument. In the evening, however, at Manchester, when the home team trimmed the leaders, 35 to 20, the new man showed to much better advantage, scoring four goals to his opponent's one. Healey was largely responsible for Manchester's victory, as he played a whirlwind game, securing seven goals from the floor.

Manchester broke even in the six games played, while Haverhill took two out of four.

With the exception of Lowell, the teams are close together, and a very few games would shake up the standing. Haverhill will have a hard week.

Lowell and Manchester will meet twice this week, and, judging from the game the latter is playing, the leaders will have to play their hardest to get an even break.

Manchester has cut down Concord's lead in points scored, but is still well in the rear. In the number of points scored the standing is as follows: Concord 558, Manchester 481, Lowell 405, Haverhill 371.

Nine men are now over the 30 mark in goals from the floor, Kane of Concord having a big lead over the rest. He has 81, Tighe and Herron, his teammates, have 48 and 37 respectively; Allard of Lowell 48, Healey of Manchester 45, Devlin of Manchester 42, Field of Lowell 36 and Doyle of Haverhill 33. The standing:

	Won	Lost	Pc won
Lowell	13	5	.650
Haverhill	11	11	.500
Concord	10	11	.476
Manchester	10	15	.400

SPRINGFIELD LEADS.

Springfield regained the lead in the Western Massachusetts basketball league last week, defeating Chicopee twice, Ware and Westfield were also beaten, while the latter team and Chicopee lowered the leader's colors.

Chicopee, after her brilliant playing of a week ago, seemed to get over-confident and lost five of the seven games played.

Ware, by winning three games and losing three, exchanged places with Westfield. Ware had victories over Chicopee, Westfield and Holyoke to her credit, while Northampton, Springfield and Holyoke were successful in lowering her colors.

Westfield seems to have gone stale, and only won two of the six games played, although one of these was from Springfield.

Holyoke and Northampton played the best ball of any of the teams last week. Holyoke won four of the six games played, while the Meadow city quintet split even with three games won and lost. Holyoke numbers among her victories two over Northampton and one from Ware and Westfield, while the latter and Northampton were the only teams to defeat Holyoke.

Northampton won from Ware, Chicopee and Westfield, while her defeats were received at the hands of Chicopee and twice from Holyoke.

In the number of points scored Springfield still leads with 261; Northampton has 235, Ware 222½, Chicopee 208½, Westfield 185½, Holyoke 183½.

THE STANDING.

	Won	Lost	P. C.
Springfield	12	5	.706
Chicopee	11	7	.611
Ware	9	9	.500
Westfield	9	10	.474
Holyoke	7	10	.412
Northampton	6	11	.353

LOWELL DEFEATED.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 28.—The leaders in the basket ball league were defeated Saturday evening in a one-sided game, 51 to 12. Concord put up the best game of passing, dodging, blocking and floor work ever seen in the home cage and was accurate in basket throwing. The Lowells were played to a standstill and were outplayed throughout the periods. Kane has regained his eagle eye and secured nine baskets, and Parson Tighe followed with eight baskets to his credit. Herron played a good game and McMahon, a new man for Concord, distinguished himself in aggressive work. Captain Stewart was in the game every minute. Summary:

CONCORD		LOWELL
Stewart rf		lb O'Neill
McMahon lf		rb McKinnon
Kane c		c Cairns
Herron rb		lf Abbott
Tighe lb		rf Allard

Score, Concord 51, Lowell 12. Goals from floor, Kane 9, Tighe 8, Herron 3, Stewart 2, McMahon 2, Allard 3, Abbott, Cairns. Goals from fouls—Concord 3, Lowell 2. Referee—Hill, Scorer Leighton. Timers Beckett and Gray. Time, Three 15-minute periods. Attendance—200.

CAPTAINS PUT OUT.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 28.—The Haverhill basketball team defeated Manchester at city hall Saturday evening, 27 to 16, the work of Kelliher and Doyle of the locals being the prominent feature. Capt. Harrington and Capt. Qualey were put out of the game by the umpire on account of a little trouble and the last period was played with four men teams. Line-up and summary:

HAVERHILL		MANCHESTER
Harrington rf		lb Qualey
Lew lf		rb Healey
Doyle c		c Devlin
Kelliher rb		lf Donnelley
G. Lynch lb		rf Lynch

Score—Haverhill 27, Manchester 16. Goals—Kelliher 4, Doyle 3, G. Lynch, Harrington, Lew Donnelly 3, Healey 3, *Lynch. Fouls—By G. Lynch 7, Harrington 3, Lew 3, Kelliher, Lynch 9, Qualey 3, Devlin 2, Healey, Donnelley. Points from fouls—Haverhill 5, Manchester 4. Referee—Connors. Timers—Smith and Driscoll. Time—Three 15-minute periods. Attendance—600.

*Scored for Haverhill on account of Lynch's mistake.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

Haverhill is in second place and is pressing Lowell hard. The Haverhill bunch will be in Lowell tomorrow night with all kinds of money to bet on their team.

The Chicopee-Ware game on Christmas ended with Ware playing five men to Chicopee's three.

Ed Wachter of the Ware team refereed the Ware high school-Alumni game Saturday afternoon.

In the Chicopee-Springfield game Saturday night every member of the first-named quintet succeeded in scoring.

Lynch of Manchester, who has been out of the game for some time, was again in the lineup Saturday night at Haverhill.

The New England league and Western league are having some trouble over Horan. He has signed with Haverhill of the former league, but will not live up to his contract.

It has been a question in the New England league which team would be the first to defeat Concord on its home floor. Now that the tailenders have broken the ice it is up to the others to follow.

"Long Tom" Illey of Ware and "Maxie" Keegan of Worcester played with the Sacred Hearts of Spencer against the St. Jeromes of Holyoke last week and each gave a good account of himself.

Young Morris of New York, who has played several games with Ware this season, played with the Sacred Hearts of Spencer last Saturday night in a game with Leominster. He threw 12 baskets, while his opponent was able to reach the net just once.

The following is a list of the highest scoring man on each of the teams in the Western Massachusetts league: Fogarty of Northampton 58, Mathews of Springfield 62, Zanger of Westfield 52, Wachter of Ware 35, Evers of Chicopee 33, Mathieu of Holyoke 29.

DEAD IN BED

MRS. LENA STEARNS FOUND BY BOY SHE ENTERTAINED.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Lena Stearns, 29 years old, wife of Frank H. Stearns, was found dead at her home on the Banfield road Saturday afternoon.

The night before two young lads living in the neighborhood were at the house and played games, leaving Mrs. Stearns apparently as well as ever. Saturday afternoon one of the boys called at the house and not seeing anyone about he investigated and found Mrs. Stearns lying in her bed dead. Medical Examiner Lance pronounced her death due to heart trouble.

WEAK HEART

Life Prolonged Many Years When Heart is Faithful

HEARTS OUT OF TUNE

The Principal Cause of So Many Sudden Deaths and Suicides.

Mr. F. S. Haskell, residing at 212 Tenth street, Lowell, Mass., says: "For years I have had trouble with my heart and have suffered considerable with rheumatism. If I performed any kind of heavy work such as mowing, lifting extra heavy loads or any kind of manual labor requiring much exertion, my heart used to fail me. I would always feel the bad effects of weak heart after running, walking hurriedly, etc. I never was so entirely free from my rheumatic troubles as I am today, and my heart and nerves are in fine condition. I consider Dr. Bartlett's Vital Force the finest medicine in the world to build anyone up. It built me up as no other medicine could do, and I have spent many dollars experimenting with all kinds of remedies. I feel as though I could not say enough for this wonderful medicine, and shall always recommend it." (Signed) "F. S. Haskell, 212 Tenth street, Lowell, Mass., Dec. 24th, 1903."

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MURPHY'S CHOICE

McClellan May Run for President

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—Democratic politicians do not look with favor upon the idea that Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany hall, will be able to make Senator Patrick McCarren chairman of the next democratic national committee. Southern democrats who are spending the holidays here say Senator McCarren is practically unknown except in New York, and that his sporting proclivities are also against his selection. They hold that no man conducting a campaign should be in any wise subject to personal attack.

Some of the democrats are inclined to see in the statement that Leader Murphy wants McCarren made national chairman, the formation of a plan to urge the nomination of Mayor-elect McClellan for the presidency.

Practically all agree that if a New York man is nominated for the first place Mr. Murphy may be able to force the selection of Senator McCarren as chairman of the national committee. They will oppose him for such place, unless he is the choice of the nominee for president. Senator Gorman's friends say if he is nominated for the presidency Senator McCarren will certainly not be chairman of the national committee.

Nothing can be done looking to the reorganization of the national committee until the next national convention. It is a foregone conclusion that ex-Senator James K. Jones of Arkansas will not be the chairman of the committee. Senator Stone of Missouri has a strong desire to be at the head of the next national committee, but recognizes that the Bryan influence will no longer dominate the committee and that his chances are slight. In the event of a New Yorker being nominated for president by the next national convention, many of the members of the committee will recommend that Senator Gorman be put in charge of the campaign.

ALICE WEPT

BECAUSE POLICE CHEATED HER OUT OF A DRINK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. Weeping as if her heart was breaking, one of the 11 women, who, with five men, were arrested in a resort in Mulberry street Saturday night, was asked sympathetically by Magistrate Ommen in the Tombs police court yesterday what was the cause of her tears.

"I had just ordered a drink when the cops came and took me away," she replied.

"What is your name?"

"Alice Ben Bolt."

Turning to one of the men prisoners the magistrate asked: "Where are you from?"

"The Promised Land," was the answer.

"Six months on Blackwell's island for all of you," snapped the court.

GREAT PROGRESS

ON PLANS FOR NEW CHURCH IN CENTRALVILLE.

John H. Beaulieu presided over a meeting of the French citizens of West Centralville, interested in the new church in that vicinity. The committees on banquet and collections reported great progress.

ARM FRACTURED

LITTLE BOY FELL DOWN STAIRS AND INJURED.

Harry Lyons, aged ten years, residing at 96 Washington street, while coming down stairs this morning slipped and fell, his left arm being under him when he fell, resulting in a fracture and dislocation of the left wrist. He was taken to the Emergency hospital where his injury was dressed.

NEW ARC LAMPS.

The old-fashioned gas lights in the Merrimack street depot were taken out this morning and the new style gas arc lamps have been placed in position. Heretofore the place has been very dark, but the new lights make it much brighter.

LINEMEN BUSY.

Linemen are busily engaged today removing the cross trees and sawing down the telegraph poles in Middle street.

Monday, Dec. 28, 1903

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We have not much left in this line, due to the fact that we had only new and sensible articles and marked at very reasonable prices, still we have a few things left and we will try to clean everything out at following prices.

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New games that ranged in prices from 25c up to $1.50 marked down to

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Motor cars, trucks, police patrols, made with a strong winding spring and all in good condition; were $1.00 to $1.50.

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Good strong ones, well made and all perfect, different sizes and some with all the latest trunk improvements. They were priced from 50c to $1.50; now marked

15c to 98c

CHILDREN'S CHAIRS

A few left. All at half price,

25c to 50c Each

GLASS WARE

We received too late for our Christmas trade a crate of pretty glass ware, including pitchers, vases, fruits, salads, spoon trays, cake plates, etc. They were to be sold from 15c to 39c.

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